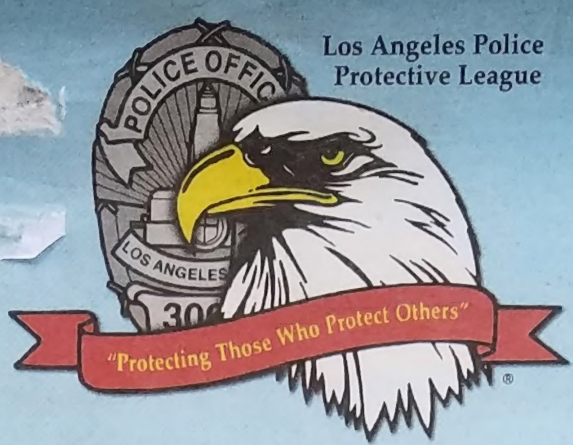


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Bronze Star Medal Awarded To Staff Sergeant Thomas A. DeLuccia

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Staff Sergeant Thomas A. DeLuccia distinguished himself with valor, merit and selfless service during combat and stability operations conducted in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sergeant DeLuccia served as the Team Chief for the Tactical Psychological Operations Team attached to Task Force 2-7, 3rd Infantry Division and later to Task Force 1-36, 1st Armored Division.

While in Iraq, Staff Sergeant DeLuccia led his team on over two hundred tactical Psychological Operations missions in support of Task Force 2-7 Infantry and Task Force Spartan. These missions were often in the roughest sectors of Baghdad, and involved engaging a local populace, which was at times hostile and unreceptive towards U.S. forces. While in direct support to Task Force 1-36 Infantry, Staff Sergeant DeLuccia participated in several Brigade and Task Force level operations, which resulted in the detainment of countless criminals and regime loyalists, and the capture of a myriad of weapons, ordnance, and improvised explosive devices. Staff Sergeant DeLuccia completed these missions with the highest level of competency and was recognized by the 1st BCT commander for his exceptional leadership skills and professionalism.

Staff Sergeant DeLuccia has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to accomplish missions for Task Force Spartan. On one such occasion, Staff Sergeant DeLuccia was conducting a dismounted reconnaissance patrol in a crowded neighborhood of Baghdad, when his team came under small arms fire from multiple enemy sources. Staff Sergeant DeLuccia acted without hesitation and engaged the enemy with direct fire, killing them both and recovering two AK-47 rifles. His courageous and decisive actions eliminated an enemy threat and protected his soldiers as well as the citizens of Baghdad from harm. Staff Sergeant DeLuccia later received technical and tactical praise from his detachment commander for his leadership during that incident.

Staff Sergeant DeLuccia's team was an integral part of the quick reaction force of Task Force Spartan throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom. His team was one of the first elements on the scene of the Baghdad Hotel, International Red Cross, and Turkish Embassy bombings. During these incidents, Staff Sergeant DeLuccia directed his team's loudspeaker operations, which were critical in controlling large and unruly crowds. His team's efforts diffused hostile and volatile situations before they escalated beyond control. By helping restore order during these situations, vital rescue and lifesaving efforts continued unhindered.

Staff Sergeant DeLuccia was directly responsible for spreading the Battalion Commander's messages to the people of Rusafa. He accomplished this task by enthusiastically engaging and interacting with the local populace on a daily basis. These interactions established a rapport with the citizens of Baghdad that were an essential part of relationship building between the United States and the people of Iraq. Staff Sergeant DeLuccia cultivated an atmosphere of trust that led one local national leader to give him a ledger containing the names and addresses of more than 2,500 members of Saddam's Fedayeen. Intelligence gathered from that ledger eventually resulted in the arrests of several suspected terrorists believed to be responsible for carrying out attacks against the Coalition.

Finally, Staff Sergeant DeLuccia's leadership was instrumental in developing operation clarity within his team that distinguished them from others in the level of their support to Task Force 1-36 Infantry. Staff Sergeant DeLuccia maintained an admirable focus on details ensuring that his team was combat ready at all times which enabled them to accomplish all of their missions with complete success. ♦



LAPD Officer DeLuccia and his wife, Nina, with the Northeast G.E.D. Unit.



Officer DeLuccia, Mrs. DeLuccia and Captain Korzun.



Sergeant 1st Class Claridy, Staff Sergeant Tom DeLuccia, Captain Daniel Korzun.



Captain Korzun, Judge Ralph DeLuccia and son, Tom DeLuccia.

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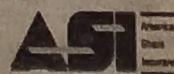
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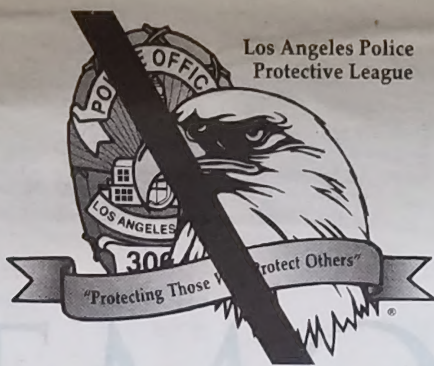
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IN MEMORY OF Firefighter Jaime L. Foster OF THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO ANSWERED HER LAST ALARM

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"There are times when words fail to convey the depths of brotherly feeling, when in this dangerous service of ours, some man is called upon to pay the extreme penalty which this work exacts. There is not a man in the department whose heart does not go out in sympathy to those who are left behind, for not one of us knows that the next alarm of fire may be the last call for him."

— Chief Engineer Ralph J. Scott
in a letter to the mother of Fireman Ercil G. Morse of Truck 5,
who was killed in the line of duty, April, 1924

On Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 12:51 PM, Firefighter Jaime L. Foster was among Los Angeles Fire Department members who responded to a structure fire in the 5700 block of Jamieson Avenue in Encino. Following extinguishment, as crews were leaving the fire, there was a single vehicle accident near the scene which caused traumatic injury to Firefighter Foster. Despite the combined efforts of Firefighters, Paramedics and Hospital Emergency Department personnel, she was declared deceased at nearby Tarzana Hospital.

Firefighter Foster was the first female LAFD firefighter to die in the line of duty. She continued the long and proud tradition of courage and excellence that is the hall mark of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Your Personal Handwritten Condolence and Words of Sympathy To Firefighter Foster's Family and Co-Workers is Warmly Welcomed via:

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The Board of Directors and the rest of the LAPD family join in offering our condolences to the Foster family and our brothers and sisters at the Los Angeles Fire Department. We continue to stand in awe of their courage and professionalism.



The Challenge: Create a Staffing Forecast to Support LAPD's Success

Detective BOB BAKER, President



From an early age, we all hear a simple piece of advice: plan ahead. With this in mind, we learn to anticipate the future and make key decisions ahead of time to avoid the pitfalls that come with being unprepared.

This lesson is not just part of our childhood teachings. Virtually every large organization incorporates this tenet as the backbone of its existence. It may be called a business or strategic plan, or perhaps a vision for the future. Whatever the term, it ensures that the organization doesn't operate at the mercy of happenstance, but instead has a path to follow for years to come.

While you may think I'm focusing on "planning ahead" as a lesson for the rank and file, we need to look at the bigger picture - I am concerned because the city we serve does not have a long-term plan in place to expand the LAPD. While the city may employ more than 9,000 police officers and 3,000 civilians, the city does not have a long-term plan in place for managing the growth of its current workforce and subsequently increasing the employee base of the Department.

For all the talk about transforming and reforming the LAPD, virtually no effort has gone into the basic concept of long-term staff planning. Personnel growth forecasts are vital to the future of an organization. The process helps determine what roles are necessary to fulfill the needs of an organization, and what types of people will appropriately fill these roles. It also allows employees to grow in their capabilities and move up within an organization - a stagnant organization does not provide for happy, productive employees and ultimately will not succeed.

Knowing what you need 10 years down the road helps the plan for growth to be both understood and funded. Today's LAPD is heading in the right direction on so many fronts, but when it comes to finding a way to grow the Department, we are operating blindly without a long-term staffing plan in place or even one contemplated.

Attrition, which is generally predictable and consistent, continues to create unnecessary holes in the Department in key areas. With the popularity of the DROP program, over the next several years, there is going to be a huge exodus of officers, people with historical knowledge, background and valuable experience. City leaders need to quit torturing the Department. For a variety of reasons, the City has refused to fund critical spots and that has a negative effect on public safety.

The lack of planning is not limited to sworn officers alone, though. Along with any new officers hired also comes

the required infrastructure, whether it's support staff, police vehicles, facilities, training programs or equipment. The plan in this area needs to be spelled out in a ten-year plan that is not only comprehensive, but also supported by all who have a hand in the operation and success of the Department.

No organization should operate without a plan - and especially not the police force for one of the largest cities in America and one of the most prominent cities in the world.

How do we fix the problem? The answer is simple. When we start to look at LAPD staffing in this broader sense, we see that it is critical that we put into place a plan for how we will strategically grow our Department. We also start to see that *not* planning in this sense will negatively impact our fight against crime and against threats such as terrorism - two areas of strength for the LAPD at this time.

The public safety goals we set forth are useless without a comprehensive plan in place to secure the people we need to make this organization thrive and grow. We cannot be the safest large city in America or the best police force in the world unless we figure out how we are going to have the right balance of personnel to support and fund these goals.

I offer this challenge to our city leaders, and those hoping to become the Mayor of our city through the 2005 elections: create a long-term vision for the LAPD that forecasts our staffing needs to match the goals and demands of our city and Department.

We must take our future into our own hands and "plan ahead," to ensure we are operating at the strongest we can. I hope our city leaders - whether those currently in office or those who hope to join the ranks of city leadership - will show their commitment to this need and join me in calling for and, more importantly, devising a staffing forecast for the LAPD. I am confident that we can count on the leaders of our Department to provide a vision for the LAPD and help us see how a supportive staffing structure will help us continue in our success, and conquer our elusive challenges.

Implementing a staffing plan surely does not sound exciting, and seems bland compared to other "fixes" that may be needed at the Department. After all, it certainly won't get your face on TV, or in front of a community forum. But, bottom line, it is necessary that we create a personnel plan. We have strong leadership in the city and I am sure that they have the ability to put together the right people to plan ahead for the LAPD's long-term future.

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CCLEA California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations representing 28 California police officer associations.

SCALE Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 10 police officer associations.

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BIG 50 An informal association of the 50 largest law enforcement associations in the United States.

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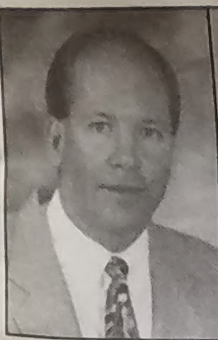
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Police Officer III List Extended For Military

The PIII list, which expired at the beginning of September, will be extended for activated military personnel for the time they were activated while on the list.

Some months ago, I was made aware that officers who were activated in the military and on the list were not being able to oral for positions. I met with the Department, who took the position they couldn't extend the current PIII list for these people. I contacted the law firm of Silver, Hadden and Silver and attorney Liz Silver, with the assistance of the Department of Labor, rendered a legal opinion that this action was discriminatory against military personnel. I then met with the City Attorney and I am glad to say the Department saw the light and will extend the list for activated military personnel during the time which the officer was activated while on the list.

Job well done by attorney Liz Silver of the law firm of Silver, Hadden and Silver. To all activated military personnel, take care and be safe!

Employee Rep Training

I will be scheduling another employee

rep training day in the next few months. We are currently putting together a list of names of interested officers at the Legal Department. As with other classes, I will attempt to have training on duty. All officers interested, please contact the Legal Department at (213) 251-4575 and give the receptionist your name, division and phone number. We will contact you when we have a date.

Donations For Wounded Military

An LAPD detective's son is collecting items to give to wounded military who return home from overseas. It is his Eagle Scout project from Troop III of Stanton, California. He is organizing donations that range from restaurant gift certificates, CDs, DVDs, wheeled luggage, electric razors, non-perishable snacks and other items. He plans on delivering these items over Veterans Day in November of 2004 to Edwards Air Force Base. The donations are tax deductible and a tax ID # can be provided upon request. For further information, contact him at wsmith1988@aol.com.

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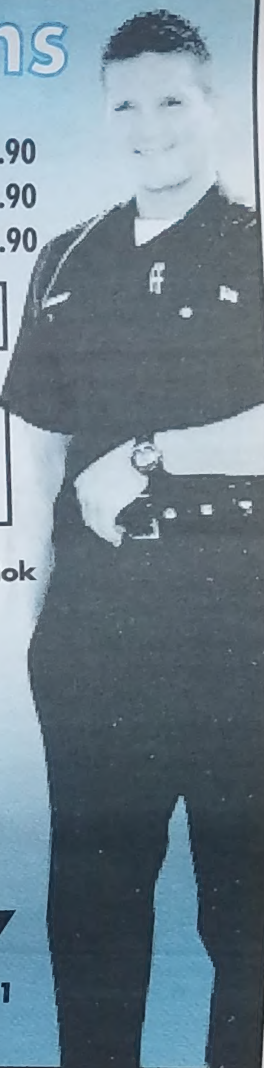
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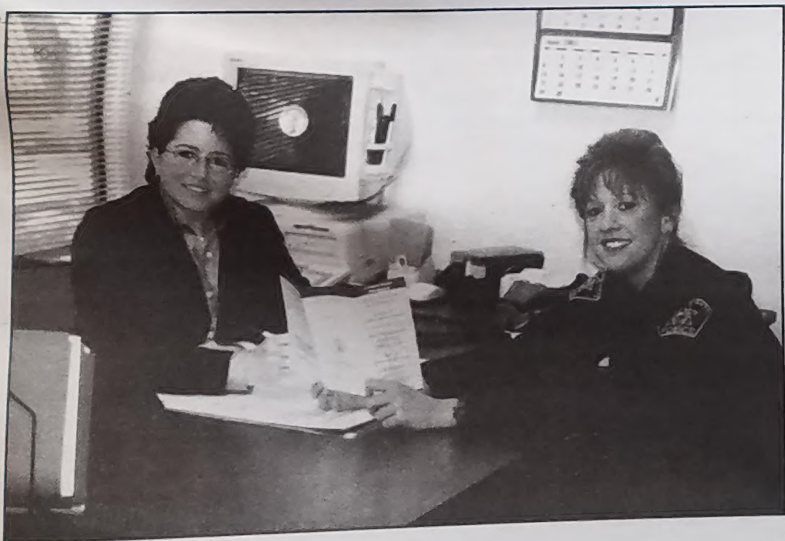
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Boston is a vibrant, exciting and beautiful city. As the literal cradle of our liberty, it holds an honored place in the hearts of all Americans.

Our system of government changed the historical way that authority had been exercised in our social and economic order. It has created the model by which most people want to be governed. We expect our government to keep us safe and protect our freedoms including the right to free speech.

Local police officers today are the most visible symbols of our government. People call us when they are the most frightened; when they urgently need help; when chaos or criminals cross the thin blue line of civility and social order to attack their safety and personal well-being.

What price does society put on saving someone else's life or saving the American way of life?

Today, the most vivid image of heroism occurred on September 11th when fire fighters and police officers rushed into the Twin Towers as everyone else fled to safety. Everyone else except the public servants who braved the flaming Towers to save those who were trapped there.

Just like the firefighters, police officers face terror each day in situations that are savage and just as lethal.

The tasks we as police officers perform are arguably among the most com-

plex in our society. From delivering babies to facing down gun-wielding criminals, from comforting a mother whose child just fell from a 10th story window, to chasing down a rapist - copers face life and death each day. It is not the imaginary stuff of television and film - it's real, it's cold and it's hard.

While facing the possibility of death is a reality of police work, so is the day-to-day toll that police work takes on each officer's physical and emotional well-being.

Officers work in an emotionally discordant and polluted social and psychological environment. It puts extreme stress on each officer's psychological coping mechanisms. When placed under too much stress, an officer eventually becomes vulnerable to that stress, becomes afflicted with traumatic stress disorder which can last for the rest of their lives.

The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, the New York Police Benevolent Association, and the New York Detective Endowment Association along with many other police associations across the country, have been strong advocates for improving the professionalism of police officers. Just like the League, their goal is to provide the people whom they serve the best possible police service.

As with any other profession, police officers want to be treated fairly. Part of this equation is job satisfaction - a sense of doing the right thing to make the

community and the world a better place.

It may sound a little corny, but the genuine desire to help people is a nearly universal trait among police officers. We also want our families to be treated fairly, which includes the appropriate financial compensation for the risks that we officers willingly take. Those risks are not just facing death, but managing the social cesspool.

It is true that you get what you pay for. Think of it this way. If your neighbor were in a major accident and rushed to the hospital, would your neighbor want the best doctor available or would they want someone who couldn't find a job anywhere else so they decided to be a doctor?

Sound ludicrous? If your neighbor walked in a bank and found an AK-47 pointed at his/her face during a robbery, who would they want to respond - the best police officers available or a group who became cops because they couldn't find employment anywhere else?

Policing is an essential element in the infrastructure of our cities. Only a fool would willingly live, invest, work or play in an area that endangers the safety and security of his/her family. Safe cities flourish; dangerous cities wither and die.

The sense of community is vital to the progress of a city. The key to the success of community policing is that it reaches out to all of the stakeholders for input. Community policing is not something that is imposed upon the people, but it is a process of identifying and resolving problems together.

Likewise, the evolving concept of community government should include input from all stakeholders - and that includes the police union which is comprised of the men and women in blue, the police professionals on the streets of Los Angeles, Boston or New York.

The job of a police officer requires the practitioner to have a set of highly complex technical, social and legal skills. The actions of a police officer are constantly scrutinized at multiple levels and the slightest mistake can lead to the ruination of the officer's career, health and family.

Policing is not an expense, it is an investment in the future of the city. Just as building a water system, an electrical grid and roadways are vital to the future of the city, building a public safety system is critical as well.

The morale of a police service is crucial because it is interlinked with the fabric of the city. When the department's morale is stressed and torn, so is that of the city.

Police officers all over this nation watched what happened in Boston as the Honorable Judge Tauro temporarily silenced the frustrated voices of Boston police officers. We watched as political chicanery cheated Boston's finest out of the raise they deserved. The underhanded tactics have left a festering canker which results from disparate treatment of ordinary coppers and it will not go away.

The focus now shifts to New York City and our friends in blue. The outcome of their struggle for fair treatment

and decent pay will bubble to the top as the GOP Convention opens about the time you get this newspaper.

We stood by our friends and colleagues in Boston and we are there for our brothers and sisters in New York. There are some principles worth fighting for and one of those is to ensure fair treatment for everyone, including police officers.

Staff Sergeant/ Officer Tom DeLuccia Awarded Bronze Star

Officer Tom DeLuccia, assigned to Northeast Division Gang Unit, who recently returned from service in Iraq with the Army, was awarded the Bronze Star. The awards ceremony was held in conjunction with National Night Out at the Police Museum. Over 500 people



League Director Ted Hunt with Officer DeLuccia.

from the community were there including the members of Tom's LAPD unit and numerous other Northeast personnel. Also in attendance were Mayor Hahn, Councilmen Ed Reyes, Eric Garcetti and Antonio Villaraigosa, Police Commissioners Alan Skobin, David Cunningham III, and Rose Ochi.

I had the honor to be there, too. The following are the remarks I made prior to giving Tom a certificate from the League:

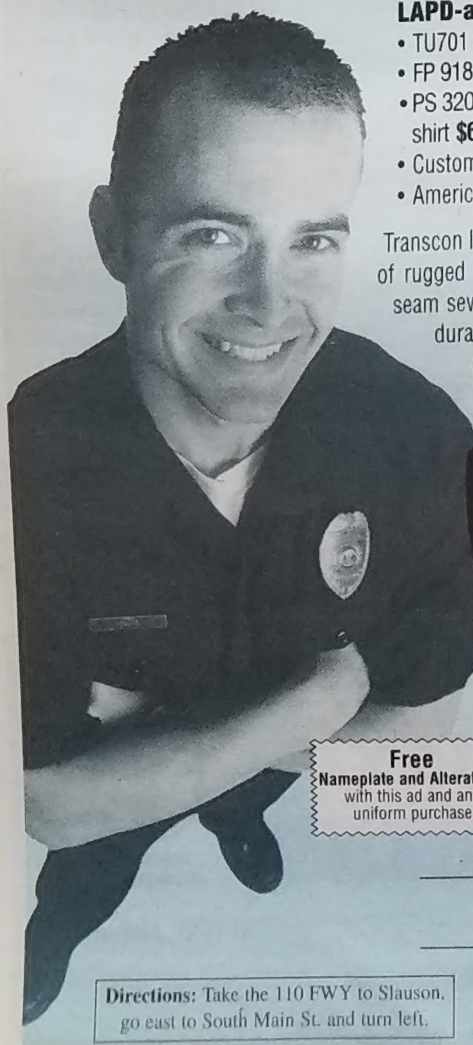
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"There is a great deal of similarity between ground troops, the infantry, and the P-IIs and P-IIIs who patrol this great city of ours. Patrol officers are the ones who are up close and personal with keeping our communities safe.

"Tom is a hero in the Iraqi theater, and he is a hero in our community. As a duly elected representative of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, representing the men and women of LAPD, it is with great pride and admiration that I present a certificate of recognition and appreciation to our colleague, Staff Sergeant/Officer Tom DeLuccia."

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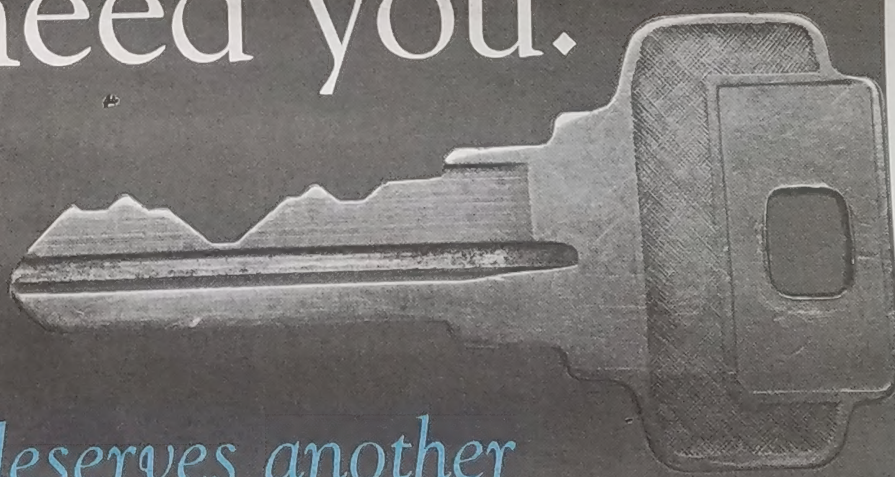
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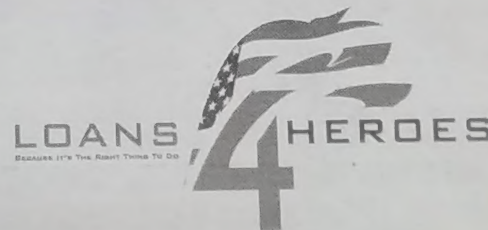


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HR 218 National CCW Law

Detective CLIFF RUFF, Treasurer



On July 22, 2004, President George W. Bush signed HR 218 into law. The law became effective immediately. It is titled the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004" or Title 18 USC 926B Carrying of Concealed Weapons by Qualified Law Enforcement Officers.

All active Los Angeles Police Officers who are authorized to carry firearms will be permitted to carry a concealed firearm in all 50 states with the following conditions:

- You cannot carry a CCW where private property owners restrict CCW (sporting venues, amusement parks, bars, etc.).
- You cannot carry a CCW where prohibited by state or local laws (government buildings, installations, bases; and parks, etc.).
- You cannot carry a CCW if the Department takes away your peace officer powers during a disciplinary investigation, or while on suspension.
- You cannot carry a CCW if you are under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
- You cannot carry a CCW if federal law prohibits you from receiving a firearm.

The law provides that your Department issued identification card is your permit. The law specifically restricts machine guns, silencers, and destructive devices.

HR 218 also created Title 18 USC section 926C Carrying of Concealed Firearms by Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officers. A retired Los

Angeles police officer is qualified if the following conditions are met:

- Must be honorably retired without any mental instability / disability.
- Must have had at least 15 years of service or more.

Disability retirements must have completed probation.

All of the provisions and exceptions for active officers are applicable to retirees. A retired LAPD identification card will have to state, "CCW Approved."

Some issues still need to be resolved. One is that the CCW is only applicable to Department approved weapons. That language is clear in 926C, but not in 926B. Another issue is qualification. Section 926B is clear that an active officer must qualify per the Department's requirements. If you don't qualify with a firearm per the manual, you will not have CCW privileges per HR 218. Since LAPD does not have a qualification requirement for retirees, it is not applicable to retirees. The qualification requirements for retirees living out of state has not been resolved.

The most important thing an officer must consider if the officer is going to carry a concealed weapon out of state, other than when on duty, is civil liability. An officer takes on a tremendous liability when using a firearm off duty. It would be well advised to have the appropriate insurance coverage if someone should sue you for alleged misuse of a firearm. Stopping a terrorist or a bank robbery is



Congressman Duke Cunningham is presented the Legislator of the Year award by Cliff Ruff (right) and PORAC leaders, Skip Murphy, Steve Craig, Tom Rhodes and Bob Rex. This was for authorship of HR 218.

a no brainer. But if you have an accidental discharge or an out of policy shooting...you're on your own. If you're a retiree...you're on your own. Insurance coverage is a must.

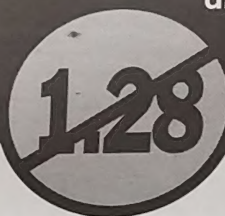
The most prominent group to oppose the passage of HR 218 was the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). An incredulous effort on their part to stop police officers from protecting themselves and the public.

All police officers owe a debt of gratitude to California Congressman "Duke" Cunningham of San Diego for his eight-year arduous drive to bring HR 218 to completion. This legislation was vigorously endorsed and support-

ed by all rank-and-file law enforcement organizations throughout the country. In California, that support included the League, CCLEA, PORAC, and the CAHP. In particular, the Republican Administration caused this legislation to be pulled out of suspension and become law. I personally thank President Bush for his efforts on this legislation.

Be careful out there. HR 218 is a good benefit for police officers. Use it wisely so we don't lose it. We all know that if you drink, don't drive. Every year some of our officers are arrested for deuce. Don't drink and carry a weapon. Stay safe.

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As too many police officers know, "suicide by cop" occurs when people want to die but do not want to kill themselves. So they put themselves in a position where a police officer is forced to shoot them.

While the term "suicide by cop" has joined media-friendly phrases like "road rage" and "going postal" in an ever-growing American lexicon, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Sgt. Jack Yarbrough doesn't feel it's an accurate description. "Throughout history, there have been instances of agency-assisted suicide: medical...judicial...etc. Basically, it is the process of getting somebody else to do it for you," said Yarbrough about "suicide by cop."

But he feels that "suicide by cop" is a disingenuous misnomer at best, and a dangerous one, at worst. "It's a means of passing the buck on behalf of the victim. It tries to make the officer accountable for the person's death; when in fact it is the suicidal individual who is responsible. The perpetrator has the death wish, not the officer who is merely reacting to a situation."

Because of this, Yarbrough - who participated in perhaps the only known detailed study of the phenomenon - prefers to call such incidents "police-assisted suicides."

Police-assisted suicides incidents are

extremely dangerous to police officers because we never know if the individual will try to kill us too. Some suicidal individuals will point an empty gun at the police because they know that the police will shoot back in self-defense.

Yet others will have a loaded gun and will want to kill as many police officers as possible before they die.

According to psychologists who study this issue, most police officers who are involved in suicide by cop incidents suffer emotional difficulties afterwards, and sometimes even suffer from post traumatic stress disorder. Sadly, suicide by cop occurs more frequently than most people would imagine. In a study that was published in the Annals of Emergency Medicine, researchers analyzed data from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The researchers concluded that police-assisted suicides were surprisingly common and the number of incidents was rising.

Researchers studied data from 1987 through 1997 and found that 11 percent of officer-involved shootings were suicide by cop incidents. Other findings from the study about those who were involved in suicide by cop incidents show that 98 percent were male, 39 percent had a history of domestic violence, about 50 percent of the weapons used were loaded, and 17 percent used a toy

or replica gun.

As training evolves, I hope we gain a better understanding of the concept of victim precipitated homicide and to learn the indicators of this phenomenon so we can help police officers who come face-to-face with this ultimate physical and psychological challenge.

Community Groups Work To Help Law Enforcement

Recognizing that crime does not go off-duty, on July 22, 2004, President George W. Bush signed a new federal law that allows both current and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons wherever they go in the United States, regardless of most state or local prohibitions.

The signing of this landmark legislation was the result of a long, hard-fought battle and it proved that law enforcement officers working with local community leaders and elected officials can effect change. The LAPPL has been working with many community organizations and other law enforcement organizations for over ten years in an effort to get this legislation passed. It was not until law enforcement organizations worked with grass root organizations that getting the bill passed took on momentum. LAPD officers, community leaders and rank and file officers from across the country began a letter writing campaign to their elected Congressional representatives encouraging the bill's passage.

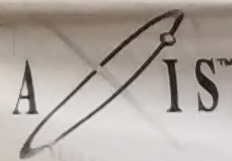
The legislation, sponsored by Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA) exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from state and local prohibitions with respect to the carrying of concealed firearms.

This legislation and the President's action have truly made this country a safer place. This new law protects police officers, it protects their families and it protects the general public. I am grateful to all the community leaders who supported this legislation and showed an appreciation for law enforcement officers for what they do and what they've done.

Under the new law, when traveling to other states, police officers are not required to inform other state or local authorities that they are carrying concealed weapons, though they must produce valid identification if challenged. The new law does not extend an officer's authority to enforce the law in states where it is not already authorized; it simply gives officers greater freedom to be armed. The justification for this new law is, in part, based on the fear of officers having negative contact with someone they previously arrested, and their need to protect themselves.

While this new law takes effect immediately, it does not affect an officer's authority to be armed while flying. The law refers to concealed weapons being permitted after one is on the ground - not while in the air.

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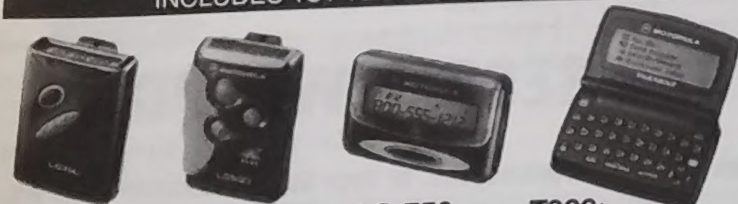
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Police Officer CORINA LEE, Director

Flat Badges

The League and the Department have met and conferred and flat badges are now available to purchase. If you are interested in purchasing a flat badge, order forms are available at Personnel Records Section (Room 506, Parker Center), at all 18 geographic patrol divisions and at the League. As of July 26, 2004, you do not need to send a copy of your Los Angeles Police Department ID to Sun Badge when ordering. If you have already sent a copy of your ID, Sun Badge will destroy the copy. Additionally, only include your business address and phone numbers — do not put home address and phone number.

When Sun Badge receives the order form and payment they will manufacture the badge and hand deliver the badges to Personnel Records. Personnel Records will then notify the employee that the flat badge is available for pick-up. Employees will be responsible for bringing their current badge and police ID to Personnel Records in order to pick up the flat badges. Personnel Records is required to confirm your rank and that the numbers on both of the badges match. The following Intradepartmental Correspondence is the Department's order on flat badges, dated July 9, 2004:

Intradepartmental Correspondence

July 9, 2004

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TO: All Sworn Personnel
FROM: Commanding Officer, Personnel Division
SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF FLAT BADGES

The Department is currently distributing the order forms for flat badges, which may be ordered from Sun Badge Company. Order forms will be available at all geographic Areas and Personnel Records Section (Room 506, Parker Center). Orders for flat badges are to be submitted directly to Sun Badge. Once the badge is manufactured, it will be shipped to Personnel Division and issued. You may only order a badge for the current rank and badge number on the shield badge in your possession. Badges ordered with incorrect ranks or badge numbers will not be issued. Only officers who possess a Policeman shield badge may order a Policeman flat badge.

If you currently have a loaned badge due to repairs or other reasons, please contact Personnel Records Section for additional information.

If you visited Personnel Records Section and requested a flat badge, please complete the order form and send it directly to Sun Badge Company. Personnel Division will not process any orders

for flat badges.

The following information is intended to address the questions that have been raised regarding flat badges in the last several weeks:

Order Forms

There is a mistake on the order form relating to the badge price. On the order form there is a "unit price" and an "extended price." The extended price, \$41.35, which is lower than the unit price is the correct cost. The total cost on the form of \$61.00 is correct, and includes the wallet or notepad in which to keep the badge.

Reserve Officers

Flat Badges are available for purchase by Reserve Officers who have a shield badge. However, Reserve Officers may wish to delay the purchase of their flat badge at this time. The Police Commission has approved a change to Reserve Officer's badges which would remove the "R" from the beginning of the badge number. This change has not yet been approved by the City Council. Reserve Officers who purchase a flat badge with the "R" number will be required to surrender that badge when badges with new numbers are issued. Officers would then have to purchase a second flat badge with the new number. It is expected that this issue will be resolved shortly.

Purchase Of The Badge

Officers must pay for the manufacturing cost of the badge. The badge itself, however, will remain the property of the Los Angeles Police Department, and must be returned to the Department when an officer promotes, resigns, retires, or is ordered to surrender the badge by a Department supervisor. Officers wishing to keep their badge upon promotion — by having it encased in Lucite, or having a retired banner placed on it upon retirement, will not be required to pay for the badge again. Officers will be required to pay for the encasement in Lucite or the attachment of the retired banner.

Cost Of The Badge

The cost of the badge has been determined by Sun Badge Company. Neither the City of Los Angeles, nor the Department are receiving any funds from the purchase cost of the badge. Any questions regarding the cost of the badge and/or the wallet or notepad may be directed to Sun Badge at the contact number on the order form.

Delivery Of Badges

Once the badges have been manufactured by Sun Badge, they will be delivered to Personnel Division. Badges will be inspected and determined to have the appropriate badge number on them. Officers will be notified by Personnel Division when their badge is ready to be picked up. Officers must bring their

shield badge with them to Personnel Records Section to take possession of the flat badge. Flat badges and shield badges must have the same rank and badge number on them. Officers will be required to personally sign for receipt of the badge acknowledging that the badge must be surrendered to the Department upon demand.

Lost/Stolen Badges

The same protocols for reporting lost or stolen shield badges must be followed for flat badges. A lost/stolen report must be submitted to Personnel Records Section before a new badge will be issued. In addition, the loss or theft of either the shield or flat badge will require the officer to surrender the badge with the matching badge number to Personnel Division. New shield badges will be issued by Personnel Division. New flat badges will have to be ordered by the officer.

Please keep in mind that there are potentially in excess of 9,000 flat badges that may be ordered at this time. Please be patient in waiting for your badge to be manufactured, delivered and issued. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Personnel Division's Administrative Office at (213) 485-3243.

Currently the Department is in the process of setting up on their web site on the "Chief's Message page" an icon where an officer can go to locate the status of their badge. The information will state if Sun Badge received the order and the expected date of delivery to Personnel Records. The League is also in the process of setting up the same information on our web site. Please allow six weeks for manufacturing and delivery of your badge.

One of the most common questions asked is: Do I have to order the casing or notepad with the flat badge? The answer is yes. It is a package deal. The total cost for the casing and flat badge is \$61.00 dollars. Another common question is: When I retire do I keep the flat badge since I purchased it? The answer is the Department will not have you pay for the flat badge again, however if you want to keep the flat badge you would have to pay for the cost of having the badge encased in Lucite or having a retired ribbon attached to the flat badge.

If you are interested in viewing a sample of the flat badges and the casing please go to Personnel Records, Room 506, Parker Center or any patrol division either in the watch commander's room or the area office. Additionally, Sun Badge has a web site to view the casings, notebooks and other products available at WWW.SUNBADGECO.COM.

If you have any questions please contact Corina Lee at (213) 251-4590 or email at corinalee@lappl.org.

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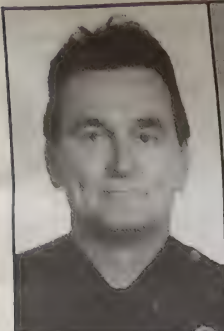
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Change of Flashlights by Department Personnel Reactive or Proactive

Lieutenant LUTHER LUTZ, Director



By now everyone is aware of the incident in Southeast Division that involved the use of a flashlight during an arrest situation. I have no inside information regarding this case and the purpose of this article is not to discuss that case. The intent of this article is to discuss the aftermath of this incident and its potential impact on Department policy regarding the type of flashlights that will be carried. Will the Department act in a strictly reactive mode and change its policy regarding the types of flashlights that officers will be allowed to carry or will they be proactive and deal with this issue through research and training? How the Department handles this issue will be a reflection of how the Department is viewed by the public and the men and women of this organization. Officers should not be subjected to additional officer safety concerns to appease a few vocal Department critics.

On August 3, 2004, the Police Commission was told that the Department viewed the flashlight issue so critical that it was recommending an immediate policy change be considered regarding the type of flashlight officers would be allowed to carry. A small flashlight was then displayed as the type of flashlight being proposed which officers would be allowed to carry. The small flashlight being displayed supposedly has the same candlepower as the large flashlights currently being carried and its size

prevents it from being used as an impact tool. The Police Commissioners were informed that the Department originally had intended to survey major police agencies throughout the country and form a committee to examine this issue. However, this was such an important issue for the Department it wanted to issue the new flashlights right away and not wait for the information from the surveys or to form any committees to examine this issue.

Since the Department's presentation to the Police Commission, the League has issued several press releases regarding the Department's desire to change its flashlight policy and has requested the Department to meet and confer on this issue since any policy change impacts the working conditions for members of the Department. As a result of the League's request, the meet and confer process will occur between the Department and the League. In response to the concerns expressed by the membership and the League, the Chief's office published a Notice, dated August 6, 2004, entitled, Flashlight Changes. The Notice outlined the Chief's concerns regarding this issue, while also acknowledging the concerns raised by the many men and women of this organization and by the League. As outlined in the Notice, the Department is also going to establish an ad-hoc committee to look into all of the issues associated with making any

changes in the type of flashlight that officers will be authorized to carry while on-duty.

Often what seems like a good idea does not always turn out that way. I remember a former Captain that I worked for said one of the consequences of staying in a division too long is that you have to live with the results of policies that you implemented when you first arrived at the division. He said that you often find the results of your policies are entirely different from what you had intended and that is why it is so important to think about all the possible ramifications that any policy change may have before it is implemented. Even Bernard Parks, who most people will agree was viewed as a strict disciplinarian when he was the Chief, said you cannot discipline an officer for complying with Department policy because you do not like the results or because you disagree with the policy. Instead, the Department must ensure it trains its officers and ensure they understand the policies of the Department. Then if they do not comply with a policy you hold them accountable for not complying.

I remember when I finally broke down after 14 years and took my first administrative job in the building as a Sergeant. One of the first meetings I attended was a committee that was formed to modify the Department's pursuit policy. The first thing I learned was that the Commander in charge of the committee (who shall remain unnamed) did not even understand the current pursuit policy. I thought to myself, "How can a person who does not even understand the current policy possibly develop a better pursuit policy?" I soon realized that it did not matter, that was what the committee was designed for. Everyone on the committee had input into how the pursuit policy should be written, offering suggestions and insight into

how the various things being considered would impact field operations. As a result of these discussions, many of the suggestions that were proposed or discussed regarding the modification of the pursuit policy were never submitted because during discussions it was shown that the suggestion was not practical. Eventually, after many meetings and hours of discussions a well thought out revised pursuit policy was drafted and implemented.

That brings us back to the flashlight. On the face of it, it may seem like a good idea to change the flashlight that is being carried. What could be wrong with the Department changing its policy and directing officers to carry a small flashlight that has the same candlepower as a large flashlight? There are many reasons, officer safety being the primary concern. Had the Department taken the time to have a committee look at this issue they would have learned many things about the use of flashlights and why the small flashlight (which is only being considered because it can not be used as an impact tool) is not always practical. If you are a motor officer writing a ticket at night can you hold the smaller flashlight under your arm to illuminate your ticket book while writing a citation? What happens if you are conducting a search at night in the backyard of a residence for a suspect that is possibly armed while using a small flashlight? Do you drop the small flashlight that you are holding and go for your baton, or do you hit the suspect with your service weapon? Either scenario poses more risk to the officer and to the suspect and creates additional safety issues that do not need to exist.

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Political Involvement Important in Our Success

Police Officer PETER REPOVICH, Director



With the presidential election drawing ever closer, it's difficult to turn on the TV, open the newspaper or flip through the Web without seeing some kind of election-related news. Whether it's dedicated to debates about the issues or coverage from the conventions, it's hard to go for long without seeing John Kerry or George Bush on one of these mediums.

And even though the City of Los Angeles elections are months away, we are already hearing a lot about the upcoming mayor's race as additional candidates join the fray.

I am often asked by police officers why political involvement is important. The fact is that elected officials determine law enforcement funding as well as our salaries, retirement benefits and working conditions, so it is extremely important for LAPD officers and our families to be politically involved. Legislators base their decisions on their constituents' wants and needs, so police officers must advocate our priorities to our legislators or risk allowing others' agendas to shape policy in ways that might not be in public safety's best interest.

As individual voters, we all know that "your vote counts" and "it just takes one." But how often do you stop and think about the power we, as a police union and in partnership with our fellow officers around the state and across the nation, have in pulling our political weight? In the state of California alone,

there are approximately 80,000 rank-and-file officers – couple this amount with other police officers in the United States and our colleagues in related fields such as corrections, fire and emergency response and there is a huge voice for the public safety community on Election Day.

It is for this reason that many organizations, including the LAPPL, maintain a political action committee, or PAC. PACs are authorized by the federal government and are a common way for people of a common interest (e.g., a company's employees, a group with a shared profession or other types of activists) to get involved in the United States' democratic system. PACs allow people in a particular industry or company to collectively pool financial resources to support candidates for public office and issues up for vote in an election. While there are rules in place about the amount of money PACs can spend and in what ways, there is more freedom for political endorsements and expenditures with a PAC than with a private company or organization.

The primary intent of the LAPPL's PAC is to carefully select candidates and issues to support (or oppose) in local, state and federal elections, in order to preserve the interests and improve the working conditions of police officers. Other functions of a PAC related to this main purpose are raising money for said

candidates or issues, meeting with or otherwise educating active legislators about important issues and keep the pulse of the political environments at all levels to ensure the interests of law enforcement are protected.

Within the PAC, we look at issues including training, protocol, reforms, funding, health and safety, and also peripheral issues that could have a serious impact on our police work, whether related to education, immigration, infrastructure or the environment. It is the job of the PAC to serve as the eyes and ears of not only the LAPPL Board of Directors, but also the membership. Without it, we might be caught off-guard and new rules might be imposed that hinder our ability to effectively police the city. It is critical that we become involved in any issue that might affect our jobs or our private lives.

The goal of our political involvement, or political advocacy, is to educate public officials and garner their support of our agenda. To have an effective political advocacy system, three components must work jointly and simultaneously: lobbyists, political fundraising and grassroots involvement. I think of the components of political advocacy as the legs of a three-legged stool. If a stool is missing a leg or if one of its legs is shorter than the others, the stool becomes unbalanced. The same is true with our political advocacy. If just one critical component is missing, the whole system falters. When it comes to advocacy on public safety issues, LAPPL has the first component. Our Directors are your advocates for LAPPL legislative programs and priorities. But we rely on you and your families to provide the other two components: political fundraising and grassroots involvement.

Several important issues during the last several years have come out of actions by the PAC. Among them are flexible work schedules, the change in leadership at the LAPD and bond measures such as Proposition Q. And because of the candidates we have supported during the last several years, the LAPPL has benefited from successful contract negotiations – bolstered by pro-law enforcement leaders in key decision-making seats – and opportunities such as having a voice in the implementation of the consent decree.

We were able to succeed in these actions because we educated and worked with political leadership – both those already in office and those running for election – to garner support. For example, with the flexible work schedules, in 2001 we spoke with each of the

mayoral candidates and asked for their pledges to support the implementation of the flexible schedules if they were elected. Mayor Hahn was one of the candidates who expressed support for the measure, and, along with other positive qualities, he became the candidate endorsed. He saw the benefits of the flexible work schedules in putting more officers on the street and giving them more freedom with their schedules, thus boosting morale, and they were successfully implemented at the LAPD during his tenure as mayor.

The benefit to the candidates is the backing and long-term support provided by the LAPPL. We supported Mayor Hahn during the 2001 election, in which he succeeded, and have backed him since then, during challenging times such as the transition with the office of Chief of Police.

For the election on November 2, we are asking for support in passing a half-cent sales tax increase to pay for as many as 5,000 new police officers and sheriff's deputies. County officials project the half-cent sales tax would raise \$560 million in the 2005-06 fiscal year. In the City of Los Angeles, Chief Bratton has said, the tax revenue would help him drive down crime rates and add between 1,400 and 1,800 officers to his force of 9,200.

It is important that all of us show our support for this bond measure, and I can assure you the PAC will be hard at work drumming up support among the residents of Los Angeles County. For each election, the PAC's members coordinate phone banks, walk precincts and volunteer to meet with local community leaders and elected officials to ensure they are educated about the important issues and to encourage them to support law enforcement.

Our committee members are also active in bringing to our attention candidates we should support. To receive an official endorsement from the LAPPL, all candidates must be presented to the committee by a committee member. Complete a law enforcement questionnaire about their views on important police issues and meet with the committee. We may also conduct independent research if we have additional questions about their suitability as a candidate for endorsement.

Should we decide the candidate is worthy of the League's support – as we have many times in the past – we then send a letter to the full membership

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Sergeant PAUL M. WEBER, Director



Flashlights and Police Work

As of August 5, 2004, the Department has approached the Police Commission to rescind the ability to use metal flashlights. The option proposed is a small rubber flashlight that cannot be used as an impact weapon. Who will bear the cost of the new equipment is yet to be determined.

The reasons given are to prevent any future incidents like the one involving a GTA suspect named Miller and to avoid giving the media another reason to feed on police officers when they use a flashlight to subdue a suspect¹. This is before a investigation or report on the Miller incident is completed. This is before any evidence or investigation of the systemic misuse of flashlights was conducted or discovered.

In a recent newspaper article, fellow police officers in surrounding agencies offered up this comment:

"Although LAPD decided to change the types of flashlights they issue officers, several Inland area departments are not switching and some officials say their policies focus more on an offi-

cer's actions rather than the devices they use.

"We have shootings and we don't ban the use of weapons," Riverside County Sheriff Bob Doyle said. "But, we are not making any moves to remove any of their equipment."

OR:

"The Redlands Police Department's use-of-force policy focuses on the reasonableness of an officer's application of force, regardless of what weapon is used, said Capt. Tom Fitzmaurice.

In use-of-force instances, he said, the officer has to articulate why the level of force used was appropriate.

"It could be a fist, a foot, a flashlight, a Taser or a gun," Fitzmaurice said. "The officer is trained to use the minimum amount of force necessary to overcome the resistance."

What a novel concept- **focus on the concerned persons actions not the devices!** How about we do what the Chief, LA County District Attorney, the League and others initially suggested? The Department (and many others) completes a thorough transparent inves-

tigation to collect all the facts and take appropriate action on the facts discovered. Allow the system, the citizens of Los Angeles, and city leadership put in place, do its job.

The Department posture seems to be to eliminate any embarrassment and then asks the really important question, "What do we need to do to appease the 1% who is screaming about this?" What amazes me is that the Department has not discovered this basic truth- **THEY WILL NEVER BE HAPPY!** The ACLU, self-proclaimed community leaders (including the "nitwit"), and police watchdog groups live for the opportunity to bash the police. As to our media, which hides behind the 1st amendment, they will always follow their motto, "If it bleeds, it leads."

The officers on the street need more tools not less. They know that the majority of the community appreciates them and supports them. However, they need to see that the Department management will support them when the going gets tough. They need to see that the rules / procedures apply to everyone, not just the patrol officer. Our officers and their Union insist on it!

LAPD Swing-A-Thon

On July 24, 2004, the LAPD Centurion baseball team put on its 4th annual swing-a-thon event in Sylmar. This event is an exciting, one-of-a-kind baseball festival and fundraiser. Free to the public, the event brought together police officers, elected officials, celebrities, children and families to promote positive life choices, good health and physical fitness through America's favorite pastime, baseball.

The Swing-A-Thon featured free baseball and football clinics, an autograph session, and a health fair presented by the Manny Mota International Foundation. Baseball legend Manny Mota and a

host of starting Dodger players were on hand to give instruction in batting, fielding, catching, throwing, and running bases. Former football greats Rod Martin, Charles White, and Anthony Davis taught the football clinic and signed autographs. During opening ceremonies Rod Martin was presented with the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to youth and continuous service to the Los Angeles community.

The LAPD "Centurions" and the baseball team from the New York City Police Department battled it out, however New York edged us out.

All proceeds and pledges for runs scored, stolen bases, home runs, or base hits recorded during the game benefited the Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway in December. Last year, more than 2,500 underprivileged children from around the City received presents, food and warm holiday wishes from the LAPD Centurions Baseball Team.

Police Officer Mike Scott, Devonshire Patrol, was the event coordinator and put a lot of effort into this event. Mike's concern for children and our community drives him to donate many hours away from his family to put on these events. Many other officers give a lot to our communities both on and off duty. They give life to our motto, "To Protect and To Serve."

See the center spread on page 30 & 31 for photos of this year's event.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

Legal Update

Public Safety Department Does Not Have To Grant Specific TO Days To Employees

In *Mortensen vs. County of Sacramento*, 2004 U.S. App. LEXIS 10163 (9th Cir. 2004), the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a public employer, such as the LAPD, is not required to allow employees to use CTO ("TO days") on a specific requested day.

Mortensen was a deputy sheriff at a Sacramento correction center who requested a "TO day off" on a specific work day. The Sheriff's Department had a "TO" book, which allowed only a certain number of employees to take "TO" time off on a given day. Once that day was full with requests, any future requests for "TO" time off for that day were denied. The Sheriff's Department denied Mortensen his requested "TO" day off because that day was full in the "TO" book.

Mortensen filed a civil action in federal district court and argued that the Sheriff's Department policy was against the provisions of section 207(o) (5) (b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), which provides that an employee who has requested compensatory time off ("TO" time), "shall be permitted by the employee's employer to use such time within a reasonable period after making

the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt the operations of the public agency." Mortensen argued that this provision requires the Sheriff's Department to give him a specific day off unless it unduly disrupts the operations of the Department. The Sheriff's Department, on the other hand, argued that it has to allow the use of compensatory time, not on a specific day, but within a reasonable time of the request, unless use of CTO within that reasonable period of time would unduly disrupt its operations.

The federal district court agreed with the Sheriff's Department and granted summary judgement in its favor. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeal affirmed, holding that section 207 (o) (5) of the FLSA is unambiguous and does not require a public employer to allow employees to use "TO" days on a specific requested day. In so holding, the federal appellate court declined to defer to the contrary holdings found in the U.S. Department of Labor regulations and an opinion letter because in the court's view section 207 (o) (5) is unambiguous on its face.

The *Mortensen* case should not alter the present "TO" practices of the LAPD because in 1997 League representatives and police department management negotiated and agreed to a uniform policy regarding the use of "TO" days off.

The current Department's policy continues to be to grant an employee's request to use compensatory time off

unless it would create an undue disruption on the Department. Using the following process, if a supervisor determines that a request for time off should be denied, he/she shall explain to the employee the reason for the denial.

The primary factors which will be considered by a supervisor in determining whether a particular request constitutes an undue disruption, include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Emerging crime problems;
2. Unusual activities such as supporting the service of search or arrest warrants;
3. A special event which was not planned for when minimums were established which raises the number of officers required to safely provide quality service to the public;
4. Is the request submitted a reasonable time in advance? (i.e. will the supervisor be able to deploy the shift?);
5. Is the request for a time when a substantial number of employees are expected to be absent due to earlier approved requests for other reasons?;
6. The impact of losing the employee during the requested time off who possesses special skill or expertise;
7. Are there other employees who can do the job while the employee is off?;
8. Will the Department or division be able to provide the necessary level of services to the public without the use of the employee's services?; and/or
9. An unusual occurrence or a tactical alert.

If the supervisor cannot determine that an undue disruption exists, the employee will be granted compensatory time off.

Even if the supervisor determines that a particular request would be unduly disruptive, the supervisor will ask the employee for the reason he or she is requesting compensatory time off and consider whether to grant the request if the employee's needs are significant. For example, is the request because the employee would like not to work that day or is it because of some emergency that does not qualify for the use of sick time, family illness leave, bereavement leave, etc? An employee who had worked extended watch or was in court all day and therefore did not get a chance to sleep and is fatigued is an example of a significant employee need.

On a case-by-case basis, a supervisor has discretion to determine whether an employee's needs are significant enough to grant compensatory time off. The granting of such an employee's request does not eliminate the determination that the request meets the Department standard for undue disruption.

Supervisors should first analyze the above factors and determine whether the request would unduly disrupt the particular division or the Department. Supervisors would then determine the reason for the employee's request and should decide whether the reason for the employee's request is significant enough to grant it notwithstanding the unduly disruptive determination.

It is extremely important to note that requests for compensatory time off cannot be denied based exclusively on the

employee's reason for requesting the time off, or on the employee's record of denial must be based on a finding of undue disruption. Also, the forced use of "TO" days is prohibited by Article (B) (2) of the MOU.

U.S. Supreme Court Decision Allows Search of Parked Cars

In *Thornton vs. United States*, 124 S.Ct. 2127 (2004), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 7-2 vote that police officers have the authority to search a parked car, even if the driver or passenger have exited the vehicle before the officer approaches.

In this case, before Officer Nichols of the Norfolk, Virginia Police Department, could pull over petitioner, petitioner parked and got out of his car. Nichols then parked, accosted petitioner and arrested him after finding drugs in his pocket. Incident to the arrest, Nichols searched petitioner's car and found a handgun under the driver's seat. Petitioner was charged with federal drug and firearms violations. In denying his motion to suppress the fruit of an unconstitutional search, the federal court found the automobile search valid under *New York v. Belton*, 453 U.S. 454, in which the U.S. Supreme Court held that, when a police officer makes a lawful custodial arrest of an automobile's occupant, the Fourth Amendment allows the officer to search the vehicle's passenger compartment as a contemporaneous incident of arrest. Petitioner appealed his conviction, arguing that *Belton* was limited to situations where the officer initiated contact with an arrestee while he was still in the car.

The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the conviction by holding that once a police officer makes a lawful custodial arrest of an automobile's occupant, the Fourth Amendment allows the officer to search the vehicle's passenger compartment as a contemporaneous incident of arrest, even when an officer does not make contact until the person arrested has already left the vehicle; stress of arrest is no less merely because the arrestee exited his car before the officer initiated contact, nor is an arrestee less likely to attempt to lunge for a weapon or to destroy evidence if he is outside of, but still in control, of the vehicle.

Friend Retires

On July 4, 2004, Chief of Detectives Jim McMurray retired from active service in the LAPD after a long outstanding career. Throughout his tenure, Chief McMurray spent a great deal of time and talent ensuring that his subordinates were treated fairly and professionally. As the commanding officer of Internal Affairs Group and as Chief of Detectives, Jim McMurray worked very hard to ensure that officers were afforded their rights granted to them by law.

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The Long Journey of Officer Shooter

Part 10-A Federal Case

[Review of Part 9. Officer Shooter has been advised by his captain that the Use of Force Board concerning his officer-involved-shooting of an unarmed juvenile has been postponed pending a determination by the federal prosecutor on whether charges will be filed against him.]

The first thing I wanted to do was consult with an attorney as to my criminal exposure. It didn't seem possible that in my attempts to enforce the law, I was now the potential subject of law enforcement. I sought out an attorney that I had seen down at the court house hundreds of times. I wanted someone with experience. There were no marble walls and eight foot doors on this attorney's office. Files were stacked everywhere around the entrance to his office and crammed in every conceivable space within. You couldn't see the top of his desk for all the papers scattered across it. He was a chain smoker and all of the ashtrays were full to the brim. Obviously, this was a busy man. He waived me to a chair and lit another cigarette.

"Don't usually see cops in that chair," he said. "What can I do for you?"

"I am told the Feds are looking at me for committing a civil right's violation," I moved uneasily in the chair. "I wanted to know what the possibilities are."

"Well," he said, leaning back in his chair and blowing smoke at the ceiling, "in the appropriate circumstances you can receive the death penalty. Hopefully, you didn't kill anyone."

I think he was trying to make a little joke, but the look on my face made him lean forward. "You did kill someone," he said.

"I thought he was going for gun." I sounded too defensive.

"Ok, Let's talk worse case scenario." He leaned back again. "I assume you had a partner. If the prosecutor believes that you and your partner conspired to deprive someone of their constitutional rights, and can prove it, that is a crime punishable up to ten years in federal prison. If someone dies during the commission of this crime, you can get life imprisonment, or the death penalty."

I remained silent. The death penalty?

"And," he continued, "a false arrest can be a violation. So can excessive force."

"Well," I said, "let me tell you my story."

Perspective of a Criminal Law Attorney

Ira Salzman was born and raised in Los Angeles. He went to college in Berkley and law school at Southwestern. Fresh out of law school he joined the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

From 1979 to 1984, Ira tried between 75 to 100 trials in front of a jury. Then he left public service and joined a civil litigation firm. Going out on his own as a sole practitioner came next. He began doing some police defense work as a panel attorney and then he got a call from the League that changed his life.

"Can you represent Sergeant Stacy Kuhn in the federal criminal trial?" the League asked. He answered "yes" and became part of the Rodney King debacle.

Over the course of the representation, Ira received fifty death threats. He was forced to hire an armed guard for his office while going through the trial. Interestingly, the Pasadena Police Department provided officers to protect Ira and Stacy Kuhn for the drive from Ira's office in Pasadena to the Los Angeles city limits. Once in Los Angeles, LAPD refused to provide any further protection.

Although the so called "Rodney King beating" is familiar to all, people forget that Sergeant Kuhn never touched Rodney King. LAPD officers Wind, Powell, and Brisenio were all indicted for violating the "motorists" 4th Amendment rights by laying batons on him. Sergeant Kuhn was prosecuted for allowing this force to take place while King was in custody and failing to stop it. Paradoxically, Sergeant Kuhn did the most time in prison.

After Kuhn's conviction and imprisonment, Attorney Salzman, continued representing the officers in the federal civil case because they had been sued as individuals. The City stipulated to liability and paid three million dollars. Ira stipulated to nothing. In the end, the jury found no civil damages against Sergeant Kuhn, even though he had to be transported to the trial from federal prison.

Ira continued his criminal law practice and then along came the Rampart scandal. Once again he was thrown into the

midst of controversy and successfully represented several of the accused officers. He has done over fifty Boards of Rights, over five-hundred Internal Affairs interviews, and defended over seventy-five officers in criminal cases.

Attorney Salzman describes what an officer is up against when he is the subject of a federal prosecution.

"The federal government will spare no expense to prevail," he says. "The federal prosecutors only takes cases they are confident they can win. They have unlimited investigative resources and they expect to win every case they file. Most cases settle and the U.S. Attorney has a conviction rate well above ninety percent."

Typically, a grand jury is impaneled and Ira receives a call from the U.S. Attorney. He is told that his client is a target and he and the client are invited in for a "talk." During this talk, the prosecutor is strengthening his case to ensure a guilty plea. If it is a multi-defendant case, the prosecutor may be seeking a cooperating witness. The advantage to the client is that a cooperating witness may not be subject to the mandatory sentencing guidelines of federal court.

"When the target of the prosecutor is a police officer," Ira explains, "additional factors come in to play. Police officers tend to be very patriotic and the fact that it is the Government of the United States that is against them is very disorienting."

Not much has changed since the 1992 Rodney King incident, Ira maintains. A King type incident can occur tomorrow and the public comment will be just as condemning. The public and public leaders do not understand that the suspect is the one that is truly in charge of a use of force incident. Officers are trained to meet resistance with overwhelming force. It is the suspect who triggers the force used by the officer.

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A Message From Chief Bratton

by Chief William Bratton

Now that we are more than half way through the year, I want to take this opportunity to update you on where the Department is going, and to touch on several current issues that should be of interest to you.

At the beginning of the year when we set our annual crime reduction goals, I stated that we would look at them at mid-year, assess our progress, and revise the goals based on challenges that we might not be able to meet. After reviewing the progress made by the men and women of this Department during the first half of the year, it is my belief that our goal projection from the first of the year is on target, making any further revisions at mid-year unnecessary. After speaking with Assistant Chief George Gascon, Director of the Office of Operations, we both realized that we went into this year setting a "stretch" goal for crime reduction. Although there are some areas that will need special attention, both Assistant Chief Gascon and I believe that at this time, the trends indicate that we are on the right track. We will again address the crime goals at the last quarter and go from there.

As you know only too well, you are continuing to do more with less. As you work to reduce crime and fear in the City, you are doing it with less back-up, with fewer sworn officers. Currently there are 9,154 sworn personnel. That's down 1.3 % from this time a year ago. That shortage is compounded by the more than 500 civilian vacancies. It is clear: you are motivated and dedicated to your mission. Arrests numbers are a good indicator. Over the past two years, arrests have increased by 19 %.

Many of you have asked about the lack of promotions. I know promo-

tions, or the lack of movement in the ranks can affect morale. During these tight budgetary times we are working closely with the City Administrative Officer, the City Council and the Chief Legislative Analyst to negotiate and justify a total of 279 badly needed promotions. Based on the success of these negotiations, and as funds become available, promotions at the Area level will be the priority; this means Captains and below as well as civilian supervisory positions. The promotions of Sergeants are on temporary hold due to three pending lawsuits. The Sergeants promotional list has not been certified so the two-year time limit of the list will not begin until we resolve the lawsuits in the near future. Please be assured that the Command staff and I are working hard on this critical matter. It is very unfortunate that the new budget failed to provide funding for critically needed supervision and risk mitigation. That failure, due to the uncertain fiscal condition of the City and State is the primary reason for the delay.

I still have a responsibility to fight for as many police officers as budgets will allow. Recognizing the critical need for more resources, the Mayor, Police Commission and I will continue to try to find additional revenue sources. In that regard, the best opportunity on the horizon to help us beef up the ranks and reduce crime and improve officer safety is the proposed half-cent sales tax measure for Los Angeles County. The Department stands to gain approximately \$164 million dollars, money that would be spent to increase the Department's sworn strength. Imagine an increase of 1,200 to 1,500 officers over a four-year hiring-up period, increased overtime, improved technology and how

that would impact crime in this City. We could reduce crime, particularly gang-related crime, by as much as 50 percent. It is my belief that this increased sales tax initiative would provide the tipping point that will make Los Angeles the safest big city in America. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has agreed to put this initiative on the November 2 ballot, after making adjustments to the percentages of funds that would go to other County justice agencies, including the District Attorney, Public Defender, and the Probation Department. You will be hearing more about the initiative in the coming months. We are going to need your help in educating your families, friends and the public you serve about the importance of the measure.

By now you've seen Special Order No 17, activating the use of the Complaint Advisory Form and adding a step to the complaint intake process. Due to a recent change in the California Penal Code, it's required that complainants be advised of their right to file a complaint against an officer, and that knowingly filing a false complaint can result in a misdemeanor violation. Therefore, Department employees taking complaints must assure that complainants are asked to sign a Complaint Advisory form, stating that they understand our policy on accepting complaints, and that the filing of false complaints can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is crucial that Department employees remain professional and courteous when accepting complaints from the public. As we implement this change, please also be aware that any member of this Department who fails to take a complaint or in anyway discourages a member of the public from filing a complaint, regardless of the validity of the allegation, will have to be dealt with through the disciplinary process. The Federal Judge and the Consent Decree Monitors will be watching this process closely.

Regarding weapons, more than 1,500 officers have been trained through the Glock Transition School that started in January. There has been

a very positive response to the new weapons and the Department is committed to providing this training to all officers wishing to transition to the Glock pistol. However, due to the large demand it will take the Firearms Training Unit a number of months to accommodate all of the requests.

Finally, in addressing the issue of flashlights: as you know, I will be limiting the use of the large metal variety in favor of smaller, custom-designed models. I'm doing this with the patrol officer in mind, since the larger lights have been tainted by recent use of force incidents. Now, every time officers use a metal flashlight as an impact device, they will face intense public and media scrutiny. You have a tough enough job to do without that additional pressure. This action protects officers, and ensures the public that the Department is responsive to their concerns. The new flashlights will be lighter, less bulky, easier to carry, and will provide adequate illumination for officers to perform their duties. A special task force, which includes patrol officers, has been formed to design this "LAPD customized" flashlight. The design and acquisition of the new flashlights will take time. In the meantime, the current flashlights will continue to be authorized for use. Keep in mind that flashlights are intended as illumination devices and not as substitutes for the baton. You will be updated as the Department and the Police Commission act on this matter.

My Command staff and I are working hard for you as you continue to protect the public. We are looking for opportunities, programs and products that will help you to do your job consistently, compassionately and constitutionally. Thanks to the commitment of all of you, both the sworn and civilian members of this great Department, you have collectively made a sizable reduction in the level of crime in this City. We are making significant progress toward our goal and Mayor Hahn's goal of making Los Angeles the safest big city in America, for residents and for you - the best cops in America. ❖



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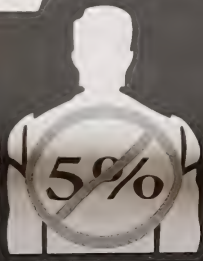
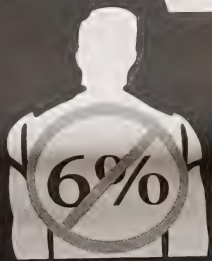
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seeking your endorsement of the candidate. If a majority of the responding members vote to support the endorsement, then we endorse the candidate.

We encourage all members to become involved with the LAPPL's political activities. If you feel particularly strong about a candidate or issue, you are always welcome to volunteer on a phone bank, walk precincts or pass out information to your family and friends. And if you would like to become particularly active, we welcome you to inquire about joining the PAC board or one of the sub-committees to help direct some of our activities.

The LAPPL's political programs are committed to increasing the number of

public officials concerned about the issues police officers face at home and at work. Over the years, the LAPPL has put into place a program that goes straight to the source of pro-police officer candidates and actively supports candidates running for public office.

And police officer supported candidates are winning their elections.

As police officers, we are some of the best-informed citizens in the community. And, as I noted, we are a sizeable, united front. We must seize the power that we have and use it to the benefit of the rank and file, our community and our country. The LAPPL hopes it can continue to count on your support as our PAC continues in its success of ensuring the rights and interests of the law enforcement community are protected through political action. ♦

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flashlights being used in a categorical use of force incident involving a head strike. It seems a little bit of a knee jerk reaction that the Department would change its policy as the result of two documented incidents (which, in reality, is one overly publicized incident that received national news media coverage). In fact this year there were more categorical use of force incidents involving head strikes with a firearm than there were with flashlights. While I know that it does not look good when an officer strikes someone with a flashlight (or with a baton or any other type of impact tool), the issue should be whether the use of the flashlight as an impact tool was appropriate, not whether it was used. If the use was inappropriate, then proper channels can be used via the disciplinary system to deal with the misuse.

While this issue is being resolved, do not get lazy by only taking your flashlight with you when you get out of your police car, leaving your baton in the car. If you are in a plain clothes assignment, or a detective assignment, consider carrying an ASP, which is approved by the Department, when you are in the field doing investigative follow-ups. You should never be working the field without being properly equipped.

Insurance Update For Retired Officers

Now that the contracts for all members of the police and fire unions have been resolved, the Pension Department may now pay the increased medical subsidy to retirees. The increased medical subsidy will be reflected on your October 1, 2004 pension check. The increase in medical subsidy became effective on July 1, 2003. Those retirees that are eligible for retroactive benefits will receive it as a separate check during December 2004. ♦

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open enrollment.

Once enrolled, you may not change your benefit elections until the annual enrollment period, unless you have a qualified change in your status. The benefits you choose must remain in effect throughout the plan year (July 1 - June 30). Any coverage changes must be made within 30 days of the status change and will be made effective the first day of the month following the date your

enrollment form is received by the LAPPL Insurance Department.

Please go to page 23 for additional details on this issue.

December Blue Line

In the December Blue Line we will be highlighting our active military members. We are asking families of members who are activated for military service to send in photos with captions containing Holiday greetings, for publication. Please see the informational ad on page 22 for more information.

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The problem is that an axe murderer gets more benefit of the doubt from the public than a police officer.

"Realize that the system you defend is not going to protect you," Ira advises. "If it was you wouldn't now be being treated like a suspect every time you engage in a use of force. You are expendable when your organization must choose between you and its public reputation. Recognize that it will be a jury charged with examining the evidence, not public opinion poles or administrative insights, that will ultimately protect your freedom."

"Ironically, all those laws and procedures that police officers complain about while waiting in the hallways of the third floor of the Criminal Courts Building are their refuge."

To File, or Not to File, that is the Question

After hearing my story, the criminal attorney sent me away. He had friends in the prosecutor's office and he was going to call them and try to figure out what was likely to happen to me. He thought it would take about a week.

It was a long week. Finally, he called and set up another appointment. The first thing I noticed when returning to his office was that the ashtrays were even more full.

"Here's what I found out," he said, getting straight to the point. "They think your initial stop was illegal. You said in your interview that you stopped the suspect for going through a stop sign and your partner said it was for lane straddling. Their theory is that you really had no probable cause, therefore, an illegal detention, therefore, a viola-

tion of constitutional rights, therefore, a criminal offense."

"I had just shot someone. I wasn't focusing on my probable cause. I didn't give a damn about probable cause. I was trying to explain why I had to shoot!" I exclaimed. "I was tired and not thinking straight."

"Well, someone was thinking straight," the attorney said. "Neither you nor your partner gave a voluntary statement. In other words, the fact that you and your partner's statements don't match can't be brought in front of a jury. The statements were compelled and, therefore, cannot be used against you, much to the chagrin of my friend the prosecutor. He can't think of any other way to show that the stop was illegal. Therefore, he can't get to what he really doesn't like, the waistband shooting, at least not with a certainty of conviction."

"Are you telling me that the possibility of spending years in prison turned on the accuracy of an interview I gave when I hadn't had any sleep for over twenty-four hours?"

"That may be an over simplification, but, yes."

I suddenly felt as tired as I had the night of the shooting.

The criminal attorney lit another cigarette. "You don't need me," he said, and picked up one of the other files on his desk.

I mumbled my thanks and slowly walked out the door.

News of the formal reject came in the middle of my ninth month on the desk. The captain let me know that the Use of Force Board had been re-scheduled. He didn't seem happy. Neither was I.

To be continued...

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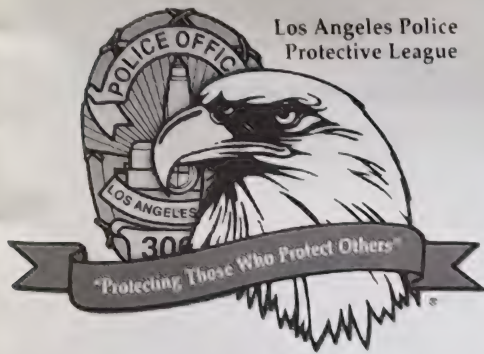
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LAPPL Media Tracking Chart

	Media Inquiries Provided Information	Formal Interviews	LAPPL Quoted Radio/TV/Print
June	74	41	63
July	23	6	19
August	14	3	8

Since the June 23rd arrest of convicted felon, auto thief suspect and parole violator Stanley Miller, the Los Angeles Police Protective League has been protecting the rights of its police officer members and working to ensure that the investigation is conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

The League has responded to over 110 media calls to make sure the League's views are presented. League directors have met with local broadcast and print media to answer their questions and communicate important points in favor of the officers and League members in general. In all of our interviews, the League has urged the public and elected officials not to rush to judgment and to allow the investigation to go forward with full and complete disclosure.

The League has been careful to ensure that its media function has been focused on supporting the officers and providing useful background information. The League has been scrupulous in directing all inquiries about specific matters in the case to the LAPD.

Each officer involved in this case is receiving full support from the League. Actions already taken on their behalf by the League include the following:

League attorneys were on the scene within one hour of the arrest to assist the officers.

Each officer has been provided with an attorney who will maintain contact with that officer through each step of the investigation process.

League directors have conducted roll calls throughout the Southeast Area. ♦

LAPPL ACTION REPORT

Protecting Our Members

	July 2004	Year to Date
Roll Outs	10	70
Claims opened in League Legal Claims Unit	127	853
Boards of Rights assigned	5	62
Grievances opened	3	38
Grievances closed	1	27
Total grievances open	35	--
Open Meet and Confers	0	16
One hour legal referrals	33	253 ♦

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Division	Director(s) Assigned
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Central Traffic	Mitzi Grasso
Devonshire	Tim Sands
Foothill	Peter Repovich
Harbor	Corina Lee
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Hollywood	Paul Weber
Metro	Luther Lutz
Newton	Cliff Ruff
Northeast	Mitzi Grasso
North Hollywood	Cliff Ruff
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POLITICAL FRONTLINE

LAPPL Legislative Corner

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate



Nearly one month into the 2004 fiscal year, the Legislature and Governor Schwarzenegger finally agreed upon a record breaking \$105.3 billion dollar budget. Leaders on all sides agreed early that this budget would not include tax increases, but would be built around spending cuts and borrowing. Unfortunately, this budget did not address the so called "structural deficit" (the \$8 - \$10 billion imbalance between spending and revenues) so, unless the economy rescues next year's budget, we will again be looking at a negative revenue imbalance. Suffice it to say, it's likely we are not out of the woods yet!

In the final agreement, Republicans dropped their demand to repeal a union backed bill to prevent contracting-out of school bus services, compromised with Democrats by agreeing to soften a bill allowing employees to sue employers for labor code violations, and worked together with Democrats to approve a "local government package" to ensure that local governments were protected from future state budget raids.

The "local government package" proved to be the most difficult part of this year's budget and is probably its major highlight.

Earlier this year, local government allies collected the necessary signatures to put Proposition 65, the Local Public Safety and Taxpayer Initiative, on the November ballot. This put pressure on the Legislature to enact fiscal reforms to protect local governments from the current state "raids," or risk putting every financial "raid" to the voters for approval as per Proposition 65. The "deal" finally approved by the Legislature, and actively supported by the League, makes some major constitutional changes in the way local government revenues are appropriated by the state. Currently, whenever the State faced a budget deficit, local revenues were appropriated to fill the deficit. Sometimes, they were "backfilled," (as was the case with the recent VLF reduction) and sometimes they weren't (as was the case with the ERAF property tax shift in 1992). The uncertainty created enormous fiscal difficulties at the local level.

If Proposition 1A, the local government package, (SCA 4) is approved by the vot-

ers in November, it will enact the following limits on the ability of the state to raid local coffers.

Local governments will pay \$1.3 billion annually for the next two years. Counties will contribute \$350 million. Cities will contribute \$350 million. Special Districts will contribute \$350 million, and Redevelopment Agencies will contribute \$250 million per year.

Enterprise Special Districts and Transit Districts must assure the brunt of the special district liability, non enterprise special districts are liable for 10% of their property tax allotment.

The VLF rate is reduced from 2% to 0.65% (current law) and the VLF "backfill" to local government is swapped for property tax and the revenues are constitutionally guaranteed.

The Legislature is constitutionally prohibited from reducing or changing the distribution of the Bradley-Burns Sales Tax.

The State may "borrow" from local governments beginning 2008-2009. It may only "borrow" twice every ten years. It must fully repay any loans, with interest, within three years, and the loan may not exceed 8% of the non-education property tax revenues (about \$1.4 billion in 2003-2004 dollars.)

By limiting the time for repayment, capping the amount borrowed, and guaranteeing repayment, the amendment virtually (short of bankruptcy by the State) holds local government harmless for any future lost revenue after 2005-2006. Any future "hits" to local coffers can be off set by local issuance of revenue anticipation warrants which will ultimately be backed by the full faith and credit of the State of California. Of course, the voters will have the final say in November as to whether Proposition 1A will become law.

Another key feature of this year's budget was the commitment to public safety funding. In these tough fiscal times, we were able to secure nearly half a billion dollars to support public safety. Among the key safety programs funded were: \$100 million for COPS; \$100 million for Juvenile Justice; \$38.2 million for "booking fees;" and \$201.3 million for probation services (\$67 million in federal TANF dollars and \$134.3 in general fund TANF backfill.) All these public safety programs have "anti-supplanting" language, meaning that they **MUST BE** used for public safety. In addition, we were able to defeat efforts by the Legislative Analyst's Office to have POBR reimbursements suspended, and we also defeated efforts to privatize, or contract-out, security services. We were unable, however, to secure STC (Corrections Training) funding, and full restoration of STC funding will remain a high priority in future budget battles.

All in all, I am extremely pleased at the outcome of this year's budget. Coming into 2004, we faced significant fiscal hits, and no prospect of relief, temporary or permanent. In the six months ensuing we were able to literally double the state revenues allocated for public safety, as well as help ensure that permanent and significant budgetary controls protecting future local revenues were adopted. These reforms are contained in Proposition 65 and in Proposition 1A, both on this November's ballot. What we don't have is the fiscal assurance that, in future years, we won't be facing another budget crises because we still have an \$8 to \$10 billion imbalance between revenues and expenditures, and "borrowing" our way out if this hole may be risky business. However, to quote rock icon, Meatloaf, "two out of three ain't bad!"

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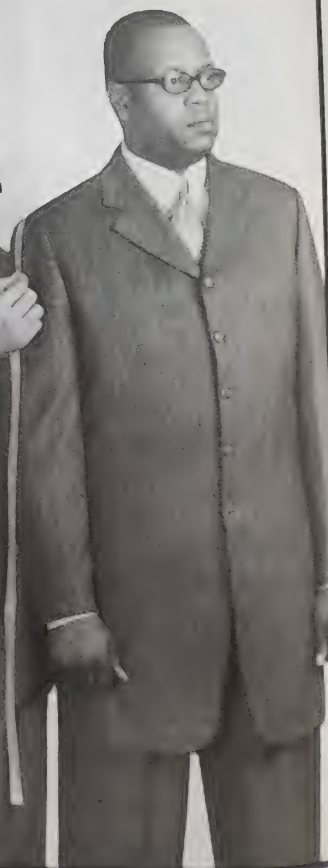
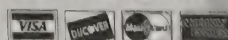
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned to the writer for editing. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor,

On June 22, 2004 (within an hour of EOW), Southeast Patrol officers were involved in a televised vehicle/foot pursuit and UOF. As acting Watch Commander that night, I have been ordered not to talk about the incident, so I won't. But I want to share what is going on out here prior to June 21, 2004, and every day since then.

On the night of the incident, four units were deployed on Watch 3. Four units were deployed on Watch 5 (1615 hours to 0300 hours). Sixteen officers and two field supervisors for the entire watch, but at 0300 hours we dropped one supervisor who relieved the Assistant Watch Commander and four units went end of watch. What is the problem with this picture? Well, if you're assigned to Southeast Patrol, that scenario has become the rule not the exception. If you're not assigned to Southeast Patrol Division, the watch has eight basic cars to deploy. Mathematically speaking, on Watch 3, 16 officers should be deployed and at the minimum two field supervisors. Those officers would be deployed if the division had the officers. Granted, some officers are off due to injuries or Injury on Duty (IOD), or on light duty status. But the lack of deployable officers is not funny. It's dangerous!

It's dangerous for the officers and dangerous for the citizens in Southeast Area. One deadly problem is that as of today's date, Southeast Homicides are at 45. A very large percentage of the victims lived in Southeast Area and were African American. Many more survive the murderous attacks only to be maimed and scared for life. Burglaries and GTAs are up, too.

The correlation between the increase in crime and the decrease in personnel has not yet been made. For example, today at roll call Southeast Patrol Division Watch 3 deployed two-and-a-half units. Yep, you do the math and that is five officers in roll call, with the U-car teaming up with a Watch 5 U-car to make a full unit. One field supervisor

was assigned to work Watch 3. Harbor Patrol Division and 77th Patrol Division loaned a total of three units to Southeast Patrol Division for this shift.

So, where is the outrage? Why aren't the community activists calling for justice? Where are the politicians clambering for the spotlight trying to be the first to address this never ending, senseless killing, maiming and torture of the area's citizens? *I can tell you that they are not in Southeast Area!*

Miller stole a car, not just any car, but a car that is the lifeline for a family. If that family doesn't have a car, that family can't get to work, buy food, and pay the rent. When the rent doesn't get paid, that car doubles as a place for the family to sleep for the night. Not like you or I, who have insurance, credit, and a good paying job and can replace that stolen car. No, that family is done. That's what Miller took, the life of a family, not just a car. Miller chose not to pull over when the officers activated their emergency equipment. In an attempt to elude the officers, Miller sped away endangering the officers, motorists and pedestrians and citizens in Southeast and Compton communities.

Officers assigned to Southeast Area are here because they want to be here. They are tenured officers who enjoy working in Southeast Area. They are among the best and brightest on the Department. They are good men and women who demonstrate uncommon valor when faced with the most dangerous suspects, compassion with the victims of violent crime and empathy for our citizens because the officers know all too well that many citizens live here because they have no other choice.

The Use of Force is not pretty! It is not for the faint of heart. The Use of Force is a necessary evil, available to officers who encounter uncooperative, violent suspects. Officers deal with people who do not respond to verbal directions when faced with being arrested. The use of force is among the tools officers must resort to when conventional

methods fail. All too often, the decision to use force is made within a split second and is based on the officers' observations, perceptions and/or information available to them at the time of the incident. Decisions are made in the heat of the moment and in all but a few are reactionary in nature. Officers make those life and death and potentially career ending decisions in a fraction of a second. They do not have the opportunity or luxury to review videotapes that have been enhanced to show the best frame possible nor are they afforded the opportunity to ask for permission to use force as that too could result in death; the untimely and unwarranted death of an officer and/or citizen. Some of the most violent, sociopathic personalities are walking among citizens not only in Southeast Area, but in your community as well. Los Angeles Police Officers know this and come to work every day and stay in Southeast Patrol Division when others opt out to promote or for career survival.

Was the lack of personnel assigned to Southeast Patrol Division that night a thought in the back of the involved officers' thoughts? Was it a factor in their actions? I do not know. But, the Department has a responsibility to the officers and a duty to the citizens to keep everyone as safe as possible. Are the costs that result from the death of a Los Angeles Police officer acceptable and cheaper than downsizing the specialized units and deploying officers to Southeast or other patrol divisions? Based on the deployment woes, the answer is obvious and unacceptable.

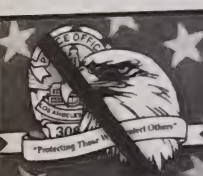
When citizens need help, who do they

call? No, not Al Sharpton or Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Mayor James Hahn, Council members Bernard Parks or Jack Weiss. No, those folks can rest at night, because citizens dial 9-1-1 knowing that they are going to get a Los Angeles Police officer. A professional member of our Department who will eagerly drive towards the sound of gunshots, enter buildings when they hear children screaming for help, or to capture the burglar in your house. Officers put their lives on the line for strangers and have lost their lives for those very citizens they are sworn to protect. Have we forgotten the images of the North Hollywood bank robbers as they attempted to kill officers and citizens alike as they attempted to get away? I have not forgotten. Nor do I believe that the community needs to witness such attacks before officers may use force. Policy and the law do not yet dictate that as a requirement before force may be deployed.


When the time comes for force to be used, you can bet that the officers and their actions will be investigated to the umpteenth degree. The officers will be interviewed, re-interviewed, deposed and cross-examined until every single politician, community activist and Department manager is satisfied that every officer involved has been asked every last question they can possibly think of.

The bottom line is that if politicians and community activists do not want "white" officers using force on minority suspects then they better cause the trans-

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IN MEMORIAM




LAPD - In the Line of Duty*

Name	September Date of Death	Rank
W. H. Auble	9/9/08	Captain
R. V. Murray	9/23/14	Policeman
J. A. Ellsworth	9/4/17	Policeman
J. Romero	9/22/19	Policeman
A. J. Davilla	9/10/26	Policeman
J. M. Brinnegar	9/29/28	Policeman
W. T. Lockridge	9/9/38	Police Officer
W. G. Brown	9/13/39	Policeman
J. E. Daniels	9/24/41	Policeman
C. M. Gildehaus	9/30/51	Policeman
H. M. Miller	9/7/56	Police Officer
Martin Parker	9/14/61	Policeman
Vincent L. Leisch	9/22/75	Officer
David B. Kubly	9/27/79	Officer
Daniel Allen Pratt	9/3/88	Police Officer
Robert Joe Mata	9/19/00	Police Officer II

*(Note: We are printing this listing each month, with the names of LAPD Officers killed in the line of duty that month.)

END OF WATCH



NAME: Warren C. Heckathorn #6555 RANK: Policeman ASSIGNED TO: TED BORN: February 23, 1921 APPT: February 1, 1950 RETIRED: February 9, 1970 DIED: April 27, 2004 ★ ★ ★	NAME: Michael J. Regan #2356 RANK: Policeman II ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood BORN: September 28, 1917 APPT: January 6, 1941 RETIRED: December 1, 1964 DIED: July 24, 2004 ★ ★ ★
NAME: Morris M. Jaffey #5629 RANK: Policeman ASSIGNED TO: Central Jail BORN: April 6, 1919 APPT: May 27, 1948 RETIRED: February 4, 1969 DIED: April 23, 2004 ★ ★ ★	NAME: John W. Ensign #10364 RANK: Lieutenant II ASSIGNED TO: Bunco Forgery BORN: July 19, 1938 APPT: August 3, 1959 RETIRED: May 11, 1985 DIED: July 25, 2004 ★ ★ ★
NAME: Stanley D. Ford #3941 RANK: Sergeant ASSIGNED TO: Pacific BORN: March 6, 1921 APPT: October 16, 1946 RETIRED: October 31, 1967 DIED: June 26, 2004 ★ ★ ★	NAME: Hubert Greene #7453 RANK: Investigator III ASSIGNED TO: Bunco Forgery BORN: October 8, 1928 APPT: May 18, 1955 RETIRED: June 28, 1980 DIED: August 1, 2004 ★ ★ ★
NAME: Ronald S. Breiter #6739 RANK: Lieutenant I ASSIGNED TO: DHD BORN: August 29, 1927 APPT: January 22, 1951 RETIRED: October 26, 1954 DIED: July 13, 2004	NAME: Norman P. Cooper #3125 RANK: Policeman ASSIGNED TO: TED BORN: November 10, 1913 APPT: September 7, 1943 RETIRED: September 23, 1963 DIED: August 3, 2004

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fer of a whole lot of minority (i.e., African American) officers to Southeast Patrol Division. The only problem with this is everyone on the Department knows that if an officer wants to promote, do not stay at Southeast Patrol Division for any amount of time. This was evident with the last Lieutenants' promotion list. Every supervisor (male, female, black, white, Hispanic and Asian, 16 to 27 year veterans) all scored very poorly regardless of their performance and/or packages. An incentive to keep the best and brightest, who wish to promote, would be to reward patrol officers and supervisors for their service in South Bureau with promotions, adequate personnel to work assignments, and equipment.

As acting Watch Commander, I have witnessed incidents similar to the UOF I viewed on television that morning enough times to know that the Department needed to get a handle on this one from the start. Not because the officers did anything unlawful or violated policy, but because I knew it would cause a political feeding frenzy. The officers and I personally count on the Department to support us when in good faith we follow policy, procedure and above all the law when we make arrests, go in vehicle pursuits, and use force. So what went wrong?

First, in an abundance of caution, it was determined that the officers should be separated. A request for all available field supervisors to respond to the incident was made via Communications Division over Southeast frequency, but none responded (one supervisor called me and asked if he was really needed). That would be unacceptable if this were a Categorical Use of Force, but it was not a Categorical UOF and here lies the basis for where we are today. CIID was contacted and declined to respond because the UOF did not fall within their guidelines to respond and handle the investigation. Regardless, the officers were separated at the station.

Secondly, a determination was made to use detectives assigned to another division to conduct the use of force investigation. Two sets of investigators assigned to Professional Standards Bureau identified primary and secondary officers and thus split the officers and interviewed them. The officers were ordered not to discuss the interview with anyone else involved in the incident. Each officer was released to go home after their interview. (All of the officers worked in excess of ten hours of overtime and provided statements after having been awake more than 24 hours.)

Finally, the primary officers were directed to write the arrest report at the end of the 14 hours of overtime and after their interview with PSB personnel. Had CIID handled the UOF, they would have written the arrest report, because, you see, they would have been privy to all

the statements and would have all information relevant to complete a thorough, comprehensive arrest report and that is what policy dictates.

All of the officers involved in this incident and Chiefs Bratton and Berkow relied on the Department to make wise decisions based on institutional knowledge mid-level managers are supposed to possess. The early decisions made have been second guessed and changes in the investigative procedure have occurred. But, who does this really help? Not the officers involved because they are left at home without any information. That is because we, the Department, do not have the answers. We don't have the answers because nothing like this has ever happened before, ever. And this certainly does not help Chiefs Bratton and Berkow because the delay caused by this obvious lack of foresight and direction has allowed the Department to wither in the wind, going in any direction the political wind blows.

If you think you would have handled Miller's arrest differently, come on down to Southeast Patrol Division and show us how you'd handle it. You see there are a lot more Millers out here, and the next pursuit and UOF could involve you.

May God bless and keep you and your families safe! To all those involved in Miller's arrest, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Sincerely,
Rachel Canchola, Sergeant, #23975
Southeast Patrol Division
(And proud of it!)

To Members of the Los Angeles Police Department,

For six years you have embraced, along with support from the local community, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, and the LAPD Family Support Group, the Andy Voge family with untold generosity that stems from the annual Sergeant Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament.



We are so proud to be part of the LAPD family, and truly honored that the Department continues to remember Andy and his sons each year with such a spectacular and dignified event.

Andy loved his work in the community as part of the LAPD. His career in the Department was cornerstone to his character, and all that he had—patience, intellect, kindness and humor—can be

seen in the hearts of his sons, Sam and Joe. They are two amazing young boys who without benefit of their father's embrace are growing strong and fast to be his true legacy.

With the role you play in Sam and Joe's lives, you become the constant keepers of the memory of their father's life in the LAPD. And with each golf tournament given, you help Sam and Joe prepare for their hopeful futures. Thanks to each and every one of you for another heartfelt round of golf and remembrance of Andy and his family.

We would like to express special gratitude to Ron Phillips and his magnificent family for their personal love and devotion to this event and our family.

Sincerely,
Lisa Voge

Hello,

My wife and I were recently in Los Angeles, July 2-9, 2004. We appreciated the high visibility of police women and men serving the public. There seemed to be one or more patrol cars for every mile or so that we traveled during that time frame.

Keep up the good work!
William Nicholas

William J. Bratton
Chief of Police
Dear Chief Bratton:

This year the Protective League is planning to publish a special "Holiday Wish" section in the December *Thin Blue Line*. This section will be set aside for a Christmas/holiday wish message and photo from any interested families of LAPD officers serving in the military, to their loved ones serving abroad.

The *Blue Line* staff will collect the photos, captions and holiday messages and publish them in one separate section of the December *Blue Line*.

Please help us by getting the word of our "holiday wishes for LAPD military" to those officers' families who may want to contribute. All materials may be e-mailed to blueline@lappl.org; or mailed to: LAPPL, attn. Thin Blue Line Holiday Wish, 1308 West 8th Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

The deadline for this print project is November 1, 2004, for the December issue.

Thank you for your help in disseminating this request for input from LAPD's military families.

Very truly yours,
Robert Baker, President
Paul M. Weber, Editor
Thin Blue Line

Subject: U.K. Pen Pal
Hi,

I wasn't sure who to contact there, but I was wondering if you have an LAPD officers' newspaper that has a small ads column. I am British, and I would really like to become a pen pal to someone in the USA. As I am a great supporter of our British police force and appreciate the hard work all police do, I wondered if there was someone that would like a pen pal to write to in the U.K. (i.e., a police officer or someone in the police).

Is this possible or would you be able to put me in contact with the appropriate department? Thank you for reading this far, and I apologize for any inconvenience if I have written to the wrong place!

Lynda Rogers
England
Roger1200@tiscali.co.uk

Missing Gun

The family of the late Sgt. Pat Murphy (who passed away in 1962) is looking for his gun, which was raffled off amongst the Robbery Squad members shortly after he died. Vance Brazer won the gun, and it is believed he gave it to Ray Wynn, who was then the head of transportation. Pat's children will buy or trade another gun for it. The gun is a 38

Special Commando (Army issue) with a 4 inch barrel and parkerized bluing.

If anyone has any information as to the whereabouts of this gun, please contact Chuck Wynn at home 559-528-0000 or (office) 559-582-2005. Upon doing so, please reverse the charges. I will be happy to pay them.

Very truly yours,
Charles S. Wynn, D.C.

To all Sworn Personnel

Please forgive me for remaining anonymous while relaying this story. I am actively involved in the pension system and afraid of any backlash concerning a police officer dying of cancer. He has been trying to get a pension for almost a year, while having surgery and various treatments, but it has only slowed the inevitable. I saw this officer (I'll call him Joe) at the pension boardroom, and he looked like he had been a prisoner of war. He was frail, bald, sunken, and his suit just hung on him. Joe was about 40 going on 90, and the story he relayed to the board concerning his plight and that of his wife and children had everyone in tears except one individual, Sgt. Tom Dawson, ELECTED Pension Board Member.

I can't tell you how Dawson outwardly reacts to emotional moments, but my observation was that he remained very matter-of-fact. I know that board members are tasked with a huge responsibility of managing our Pension Fund. As we all know, there are individuals that abuse the system. There are going to be mistakes, as they are human dealing with humans, but when the law is clear, then the board must follow the guidelines in reaching a decision. Sgt. Dawson is your police representative on a board made up of business people making business decisions.

In cases where the board might be on the fence, it is your ELECTED peer that should be fighting for you. In this case, it was just the opposite. Joe, his attorney, and witnesses informed the board of the hazardous carcinogenic contacts Joe had during his 14-year career. The pension doctors and Joe's doctor were unable to accurately pinpoint the source of the exposure. Workmen's Compensation law is very specific regarding cancer, and there is no room for deviation. It states that if a police officer contracts cancer, where the source cannot be determined, then it is presumed to be an on-duty occurrence, and it becomes an IOD injury. The burden of proof is on the city to prove the exposure was off-duty, which in this case they couldn't.

Dawson spent 20 minutes arguing against Joe. The board, all of which were visibly annoyed with Dawson, had the Work Comp law read into the record, but he saw fit to go against the law. All the board members, except Tom Dawson, voted for Joe to receive his medical pension. Joe has not had any luck lately, but you need five "yes" votes and fortunate for him, there were six people on the board that day.

This is only one incident, and I am not privy to Dawson's overall record when determining whether a medical pension is granted. This incident was shocking enough for me to tell, but before you vote for Pension Board members, please look closely at your vote, as we all can one day be Joe.

In closing, my thoughts and wishes go out to Joe and his family, because it has been said that LAPD is a family, but our family made Joe stress for year over whether his family would be taken care of upon his EOW.

Signed,
Joe's Voice

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

The Los Angeles Police Department Is Forming Its Own Cancer Support Group

by, Sergeant Michael J. Apodaca,
Department Wellness Coordinator

As many of you know Sergeant Kelly Shea, Pacific Area was diagnosed with cancer early this year. Her diagnosis has prompted the outreach of so many friends and emphasized the needs of Department employees and their family members suffering through an experience with cancer.

As the Department Wellness Coordinator I began working with Kelly and her family at the onset. In talking to Kelly, her concerns and fears were similar to so many other sworn and civilian members of our Department that I have

worked. I was stunned to count and find that over the last five years, in all I have worked with 37 employees and I know that many others exist. In our discussions I told Kelly of a loose-knit group of department employees who are survivors or care givers that have helped me by meeting and sharing their experience with others diagnosed with cancer. With that Kelly immediately saw the value and said that she would love to meet others who have been through similar experiences. Shortly thereafter Kelly asked if this group could be formalized and there lies the catalysts for the Los Angeles Police Department Cancer Support Group.

With Kelly's prompting I began mak-

ing calls to our loose-knit group. Although none are professionally trained, without hesitation each and everyone said that they would be more than willing to provide assistance in any way they could.

In my discussions with them it has been suggested that the support group be about love, individuality, freedom,

hope that we can have open discussions allowing group members to talk about problems, concerns and treatment and eventually have speakers and other health care professionals who can address the many concerns.

On July 29, 2004, a Bar-B-Q was held at Pacific Area honoring Sergeant Shea and thanking her for her years of service

to the Department and the City of Los Angeles. Approximately 500 people including eight members of the Department who are cancer survivors attended the event. The shared time was a benefit to all who attended. At the Bar-B-Q Chief Bratton was briefed on the concept of an LAPD Cancer Support Group. Chief Bratton was very sympathetic to this cause and shared that he has a very dear friend back East who is undergoing cancer treatment and that he



Kelly Shea.

respect, forgiveness, and letting go of fear, guilt and resentment. I cannot say what the group will ultimately be other than a Cancer Support Group that gives cancer survivors, their family members, and caregivers the opportunity to share their cancer experiences in the hopes of lessening individual burdens. It is my

fully understands the need and supports this concept.

If you or someone you know is a survivor, family member or caregiver for cancer and would like to participate please contact me, at (213) 359-1179, (213) 485-3207 or by Department e-mail, at (21002).

HOLIDAY WISHES FOR LAPD Military

The League would like to help make this a happier holiday season for LAPD families with members currently on active duty with our Armed Forces. If you have a family member who is serving abroad this holiday season and would like to send a greeting, please forward a picture with a caption or a holiday message, and we will publish them in the December issue of the *Blue Line*.

Either e-mail your wishes to: blue@lappl.org or post them by U.S. mail to LAPPL, attn. Thin Blue Line Holiday Wish, 1308 West 8th Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, Ca 90017.

The deadline for contributions for the holiday publication is November 1, 2004. Please spread the word! ♦

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officer Needs Help

The Austin Police Association is sponsoring fundraising efforts for the family of Detective Jeff Gabler to assist with medical bills for six-month-old daughter Ava Renee Gabler, who was diagnosed at birth with a rare liver disease and is currently awaiting a liver transplant. Mail to the APA office at 400 West 14th Street, Suite 230, Austin, TX 78701. Please make checks payable to Jeff Gabler. Contact the Austin Police Association with any questions: (512) 474-6993.

What She Is

by Jeff Gabler

Our daughter, Ava Renee Gabler, was born on January 26, 2004. She was a full-term baby and everything during the pregnancy and the birth appeared to be normal. Shortly after birth, though, our lives forever changed. A blood test revealed a possible problem with her liver and as the doctors tried to pinpoint what was wrong, a heart defect was also detected. At one week of age, Ava underwent surgery to repair her aorta, and that turned out to be the smaller of her problems.

The larger issue is that she was found to have a rare, progressive liver disease called biliary atresia. This disease damages the liver and leads to cirrhosis and eventually to total liver failure. There is no cure or fix it for this disease, and besides an eventual liver transplant, the only thing that can be done to hopefully buy the child some time is a surgery called the Kasal Procedure. Before 1968, when this procedure was started, a child with biliary atresia would die within their first two years of life, unless they received a new liver. Ava had this procedure



done at three weeks of age, but it appears to not be working as well as hoped, and a liver transplant will be necessary in the near future.

This disease is so rare that there are no telethons pushing for funding to find a cure. There are no celebrities jumping on the bandwagon to make people aware of this disease. There are only the families out there who have to deal with the never-ending stress and the lifelong worries associated with biliary atresia and the impending liver transplant.

Ava is not someone who abused alcohol or was addicted to drugs and now needs a new liver. She is a little girl who deserves to live a full life. She is a little girl who has no idea that she is sick. She is a little girl who should know what it's like to start kindergarten, to graduate from high school and go to college, if that's what she wants. She is a little girl who should be allowed to grow up and date the wrong kind of boys and give her Daddy a whole new type of stress. She is a little girl who needs your thoughts and prayers. And, finally, she is my little girl.

Officer Needs Help

Dear Law Enforcement, Corrections and Firefighters, etc.:

My cousin needs help from us. He has been hospitalized with Acute Lymphatic Leukemia. He needs a bone marrow transplant. His three siblings were tested and no match. Bone marrow transplants are a dangerous procedure, and there are very few matches. He has been off work since April 2004 when it was discovered. He is presently undergoing chemotherapy and planning on a possible \$20,000 out-of-pocket procedure in Mexico. Randy has been receiving treatment at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Baldwin Park, CA.

What can we do? Send donations to Randy Rousseau Fund #274 or Sheriff's Relief Fund #274 Star Center, 11515 Colima Road, Whittier, CA 90604. All donations are tax deductible. Lt. John Baylis or Sgt. Kristite Avina are the administrators of Randy's Relief Fund and can be contacted at (661) 295-8840. Note there are no administrative fees, and the recipient receives 100 percent of the donations. The Officer Needs Help combined organization of LAPD and LASD volunteers can be contacted: Employee Assistance Unit,



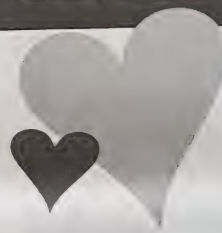
Randy Richard Rousseau

Officer Gina Onweiler, 26742@lapd.lacity.org and Det. Patty Rodriguez, pdn-drig@lasd.org.

Volunteers can contact their local Bone Marrow Donor Center or call 1-800-535-7119, ext. 63253, http://www.cityofhope.org/blooddonorcenter/donatingbm_sc.asp, and be tested for compatibility with Randy.

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A Poor Excuse to Commit a Theft

by Commissioner Ross Klein
 Los Angeles Superior Court

Overview: Juries throughout California are instructed that they may consider motive, or lack thereof, as a circumstance in determining whether the prosecution has proven the case against the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt. Specifically, California Jury Instruction (Criminal) section 2.51 says in part that "Motive is not an element of the crime charged and need not be shown. However, you may consider motive or lack of motive as a circumstance in this case. Presence of motive may tend to establish guilt. Absence of motive may tend to establish innocence." *People v. Gorgol* (1953) 122 Cal App 2nd 281 summarized the general rule for the admissibility of evidence in a criminal trial: Does the evidence tend logically, naturally, and by reasonable inference to establish any fact material for the prosecution or does it overcome any material matter sought to be proved by the defense?

While logic may dictate that a defendant's lack of money would motivate him to commit a theft, California courts have placed limits on the admissibility of the defendant's poverty. Wealthy people, as well as poor people, have a motive to steal. "The trouble," according to *State v. Mathis* (1966) 47 N.J. 455 "is that it would prove too much against too many. Lack of money gives a person an interest in having more. But so does desire for money, without poverty. A rich man's greed is as much a motive to steal as a poor man's poverty." Trial court judges are afforded discretion to exclude evidence if its probative value will result in an undue consumption of time or will create a substantial danger of undue prejudice or of confusing the issues. (Evidence Code section 352).

Overview: For over a century, the California Supreme Court has applied the general rule that the evidence of motive of a defendant is not admissible to the trier of fact (*People v. Kelly*, 112 Cal. 430). Affirming this rule, the court elaborating further in the decision in *People v. Carrillo* (2004) 119 Cal App 4th 94. Quoting the case of *United States v. Mertz v. State of New Jersey*, 177 F.2d 423 F.2d 537, the *Carrillo* court stated: "It is fundamental to our conception of a fair trial that equality of treatment may be afforded to all without regard to differences in social status or economic condition. In a society which cherishes the ideal of equal justice for all and seeks to accord the equal protection of the law to all those who are accused of a crime, it would be difficult to accept any other view" (119 Cal App 4th at 102).

An exception to this general rule was established by the California Supreme Court in *People v. Wilson* (1992) 3 Cal 4th 926, *People v. McDermott* (2002) 29 Cal 4th 946, and *People v. Koontz* (2002) 27 Cal 4th 1041. The jury may be informed of the defendant's poverty "for the limited purpose of refuting a claim that he did not commit the offense because he did not need the money, or to eliminate other possible explanations for sudden wealth after the occurrence of a theft offense" (*Koontz*, 27 Cal 4th at 1076).

Should the defendant's poverty be admitted as a motive to commit the theft, and if he is convicted, the defendant is not entitled to an automatic reversal in the appellate court. The defendant must establish, under the standard stated in *People v. Watson* (1956) 46 Cal 2nd 818, that he would have obtained a more favorable result had the evidence been excluded.

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Commander's Corner by Richard Kalk

I am happy to report the July meeting was very well attended. Those in attendance found themselves involved in a very spirited meeting. The discussion involved the direction of the Post in the next year and what activities we would support.

One of the major topics for discussion was the idea of finding a home for the Post. Most Legionnaires are not aware of the fact that Post 381 is one of the largest posts west of the Mississippi, and yet it does not have a home of its own. I have heard many Legionnaires state they would attend our meetings if they were more centrally located in Los Angeles. I am currently looking for a home and will hold them to their commitment.

Assuming such a location was found, it would take some working capital to make it into a Legion Post. The board is currently working on how to accomplish this objective. We may very well update it in a letter to all members of Post 381. I hope you will support whatever effort we make towards this effort.

We are still very excited about the cel-

bration of the 75th anniversary of the post, which will occur in May, 2005. We have some great ideas about the event, and, of course, would like to inspire all members of the post to participate. Right now we are asking for Legionnaires to volunteer a little time for some of the committees needed to make the event a success. Please call me at (626) 287-1616 if you want to be involved.

In last month's article, I stated that we had a very good looking limited edition coin for sale. It was a tribute to the American Legion, and, of course, our Post 381. They are so popular that we sold out and have reordered them. Hopefully they will be in our hands soon. Call me at (626) 287-1616 for an update on their arrival.

While finishing this article, I received information Michael J. Regan passed away. Mike joined LAPD on January, 1941, and when World War II was declared was drafted into the U.S. Army. He joined about 475 other officers drafted or called back to active duty. He saw combat in the European Campaign and after the war returned to the LAPD family. He retired in 1963. Mike will be sorely missed by all hands.

July 20, 2004 Meeting

by J. J. Leonard

The following were in attendance: Police Post 381 Commander Richard Kalk, 1st Vice & Chaplain J.J. Leonard, 2nd Vice Joe Mueller, Adjutant Frank Ortiz, Treasurer Harold E. Yarnell, Jr., George Hofstetter, Bob Kosier, Rob Welborn, Frank Torres, Phil Anninos, Bob Reeves, Ernie Dicken, Stu Streneterjeger, Clinton Erickson, Emmett Drennen, Ming Meneghelli, Dean Alexander, William Zimmerman (ate dinner and then had to run over to the Knights of Columbus), Woody Baca, Sam Zagoriano, Richard Ledesma, and Jr. Past Cmdr. Dennis DeNoi with the Jr. Past First Lady Cheryl.

We had pasta and meatballs (I think I had nine), salad, cake and ice cream. Boy, we really suffer! Cmdr. Kalk ran a great meeting.

Congratulations

Congratulations U.S. Navy, Vietnam veteran Deputy Chief Caylor "Lee" Carter, Jr., effective July 4th Commanding Officer Operations Central Bureau!

Special Days in September

September 2 - Victory over Japan Day, 1945
September 4 - City of Los Angeles Founded
September 6 - Labor Day
September 8 - Los Angeles Police Emerald Society, 7:00 p.m., Academy
September 11 - Twin Towers - Patriot Day
September 12 - Grandparent's Day
September 13 - Battle of Heartbreak Ridge, 1951
September 15 - Inchon Landing, 1950
September 13-17 - MMOC Cruise
September 16-17 - Rosh Hashanah
September 17 - POW-MIA Day
September 18 - Happy Birthday U.S. Air Force, 1947
September 22 - First Day of Autumn (Where did summer go?)
September 25 - Yom Kippur
September 29 - VFW Day, 1899

Michael Joseph Regan

Born September 28, 1917 in San Fran-

cisco, passed away July 24, 2004, after a short illness following surgery. Mike was a decorated Army veteran of WWII in the European theater of operation, where he received the Bronze Star for Valor. He was a Past Commander of Police Post. Mike was a Los Angeles Policeman, retiring after 24 years. Following retirement from LAPD, he served as Coordinator of Emergency Services for the city of Los Angeles, retiring from that position after 20 years of service. In recent years, Mike spent many hours volunteering for the L.A. Police Historical Society at the LAPD Museum where he was valued as "staff historian."

His wife of 49 years, Margery, three sons, Michael Jr. (Christine), Dennis (Barbara), and Kevin (Berta), seven grandchildren—Michael, John, Ali, Caitlin, Meghan, Sean, Melissa—and numerous nieces and nephews survive him.

Our Brothers Still Missing

Many of our brothers who served in the Armed Forces of this great country are unable to enjoy the freedom and liberty which their sacrifices helped secure. Pause for a few moments to remember those brave souls who have not returned home yet. Don't ever forget them! POW/MIA. Semper Fi! J.J. ❖



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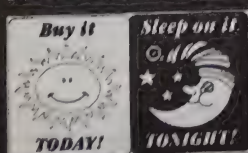
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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INCIDENT ★COMMAND POST★

by Bill Young
Incident Command Post Unit

Greetings from the crew at the Incident Command Post Unit.

Callout Deployments

One thing about our unit, we travel to every division in the city, and we get to see unusual circumstances. We responded to a hit-and-run with an OIS in Newton Division. Two Motor Officers were giving chase to a hit-and-run suspect when he decided to stop abruptly and back up trying to run over two of L.A.'s finest (That ain't right!). Needless to say, the suspect was fired upon and fled the scene, committing several other hit-and-runs in the process. The suspect survived, but sustained a gunshot wound to his upper arm. One Motor Officer sustained injuries to his arm. We also responded to an OIS in Central Division at a Greyhound bus station.

Planned Deployments

The unit supported Central Division with mobile equipment at an anti-war protest. Additionally, we provided equipment and personnel to Vice Task Forces in Hollywood, Southeast and Foothill. These are fun assignments where female officers dress like the prostitutes that frequent the area. They then walk the street and an arrest is made on "johns" that offer money for various sex acts. Scientific Investigation Division wires the girls for sound and records the business offers onto a compact disc. When the officer reaches her quota, she is switched out with another officer and responds to the C/P where she listens to the audio CD of her arrests and types arrest reports. Chief Bratton made a visit to the C/P of the Hollywood Vice Task Force and appeared to be pleased with the operation.

We had a major deployment at Pacific Division for the 4th of July. There was a Unified C/P in a vacant office building, and our mobile equipment was deployed

at the main lifeguard station on the beach. There were mobile sector C/Ps at strategic locations along the beach. As usual, our friends at Information Technology Agency worked feverishly to provide phone and video to the locations and made us look good.

We also supported Pacific Division at their 5K/10K Fun Run/Walk and LAPD EXPO. The location was pleasant: Pt. Firmin Park/Lighthouse.

Additionally, we supported the 4th Annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-a-Thon in Sylmar.

Equipment used at these deployments included the Canteen, portable restrooms, Mobile 2 and Mobile 1, light trailers, sound truck, portable generators and lights, computers, tables, chairs, pop-ups and jail benches.

Exciting News

We have been working closely with our friends at Information Technology Agency (ITA) to bring a wireless LAN to our command post equipment. This means that anything you currently do on the LAN at your station will be accessible to you in the field. This will include access to the ImapLA satellite photo system. Imagine you are looking for a murder suspect, and you need to know every alley, pathway and possible hiding place for a suspect in the area. With ImapLA, you will be able to view a satellite photo of the neighborhood. Currently, this process takes a bit to set up, but we are in the process of exploring other methods to obtain this information.

Additionally, we were able to obtain several satellite phones that are in the process of being activated. The problem of no cell communications during emergency situations will be overcome.

Recently, we participated in another joint training day with ITA at Dodger Stadium that culminated in a barbecue. Our Specialist Reserve Linda Young put out quite a layout complete with her homemade potato salad for 60 people.

After the barbecue, we were advised that an unplanned press conference would take place. Our friends from ITA assisted us in transporting all our equipment to Dodger Stadium for the conference. This press conference involved Mayor Hahn and Chief Bratton. The conference was called in response to the announcement by Tom Ridge that Al-Qaeda is 90 percent complete in their planning for another attack.

This brings to mind preparedness. Make sure if you take medication that you have a few days' supply at work and have a change of clothes in your locker. Also, have an out-of-state contact for you and your family to act as a message center. Many times you cannot connect with someone local during a disaster. This out-of-state contact can allow for your family to contact a single person to alert them as to you and your family's status. This peace of mind will serve you well as you serve the people of Los Angeles during a disaster.

ITA has been developing an interoperability radio system that is available on the open market at a huge cost. The system will allow whatever entities are on-scene (Port Police, LAX Police, Fire Dept., DOT, etc.) to talk seamlessly to all entities with one click of the microphone button. We tested the prototype at Pacific on July 4, and it seemed to work fine. If you have a need for this type of equipment, let us know so we can test this system out and "work out the bugs." During a disaster, many different agencies come together and this interoperability will allow for seamless operations.

Farewell

For those of you that know Paul Bardon, C/O of Motor Transport Division, he has retired. It was a gala event at the Elysian Park Academy track. Many pieces of specialized equipment that Paul was able to purchase for the department were displayed. Paul brought our fleet into the millennium with updated equipment that was in serious need of replacement. Paul, you will be missed, and your efforts will serve this department well for many years to come. Enjoy your retirement; it is well deserved.

Everything Else

By the time this article goes out, if you will have participated in

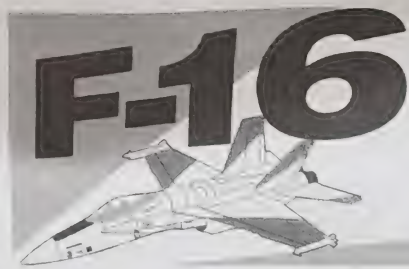


Inoperability radio system.



Paul Bardon, C/O MTD, before and after picture.

DP04 Federal Terrorism exercise. A lot of planning went into the event, and at next writing, I will go further in depth on how it went.



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

There were several events that occurred during last D/P. One was the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. Officer 3+1 Julie Carpenter should be commended for her outstanding work on organizing Foothill running team with the Special Olympics runners. There were over 15 officer and detective runners involved in this event. All the officers are commended for running on their own time to help the cause for these special athletes.

I would like to thank Officer Michel Scott for having the LAPD Swing-a-Thon in Foothill area at El Cariso Park in Sylmar. This event helps all the disadvantaged children and families in the Foothill Area. This event had football

and baseball clinics in the morning for the kids with gift bags and autographs from professional athletes. There was a baseball game between LAPD Centurions and New York's finest, well NYPD won. All of the monies that are raised through this event shall be used toward a Christmas toy giveaway in December. Again, this was a great event for all involved, from Foothill Patrol, CRO and LAPD baseball players.

Congratulations go out to Sgt. 1 Gaaron Goble and his wife Laura for their new baby girl, Amanda Grace, born 7/13/04 at 0446 hours. She is 20-1/2 inches tall and weighs 8 lbs., 12 oz. This makes two girls and two boys for the ever-expanding Goble clan.

Get well soon to Det. II Tim Brausam and his wife Camille, who is a jailer and assigned to Devonshire. They were involved in a traffic accident and both transported to Henry Mayo Hospital, July 28, 2004.

Tim had knee surgery and some sutures to his wrist—recovery good. Camille dislocated her left arm, had a broken left leg and pelvis. Surgery to leg and pelvis is scheduled—recovery prospects are good.

Officers and detectives responded with overwhelming numbers of visitors. The Brausam family wanted to express their gratitude to all of the officers.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jim Johnson
Juvenile Division

On July 15, Juvenile Division had a squad meeting at Griffith Park. After the training, we all enjoyed a fantastic lunch prepared by Rattlers BBQ. We ate tri-tip steaks and barbecued chicken, obviously not a vegetarian delight. **Marcella**



Piersol and Sandra Perez made all the arrangements for the lunch. Pictured are: **Lily Fuentes, Tina Bennett, Cheryl Fallon Weaver, Michelle Jordan, and Adeline Martinez** helping serve the food, and the one licking his fingers is **Lt. Dennis Shirey!**

Happy retirement wishes go out to **Sgt. II Jack Dillard**. Jack celebrated with his family and friends on July 21 with a retirement dinner at the Police Academy lounge. Many of Jack's friends were there to share their favorite



funny stories of his 35 years with the Los Angeles Police Department. The master of ceremonies was one of Jack's close friends, **Sgt. Joe Ciancanelli**. Jack's mother and stepfather were there to honor Jack's illustrious career. Jack, we wish you a long and healthy retire-

ment. Congratulations.

One of our detectives, **Kevin Korne**, has been competing with the LAPD Motocross team since 2002. Kevin is shown in the photo on the right soaring



through the air as he races. Kevin started racing in the beginner class, then in 2003 he was bumped up to the novice class. Kevin said his skills improved and in 2004 he was upgraded again to the intermediate class where he is competing against every skilled riders. The LAPD Motocross team consists of about 20 riders who compete almost every month in races sponsored by the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals (FPMN) Association. These events bring together hundreds of police officers and firefighters to compete in what Kevin says is the greatest sport on this planet—motocross. So far, in the FPMN Summer Series 2004, Kevin tells us that he is leading in points in the four-stroke

intermediate class and is sitting second in points in the 30-39 intermediate class. Kevin believes motocross is an extremely physically demanding sport, requiring a person to maintain a high level of fitness. Kevin has competed in many other sports, but none that worked every muscle in his body like motocross. Not only does it keep him in great shape, but it also gives him a satisfaction that can only be understood by other motocrossers. It's a sport that gets into your blood and is there for life. Kevin says there is nothing like the exhilaration and freedom of soaring through the air in a race!

Due to the disbanding of DARE, the following personnel left Juvenile Division:

Outs: Lt. **Tony Lomedico**, Sgt. **Al Green**, Sgt. **Dan Jimenez**, Officer **Mercy Crenshaw**, Officer **Sergio Ortiz**, Officer **Craig Rawls**, Officer **Carol Sligh**, Officer **Rich Wall**, Officer **Chuck Williams**, Officer **Adrian Ferns**, Officer **Rubin Holguin**, Officer **Glen Bedford**, Officer **Cynthia Deinstein**, Officer **Hendley Hawkins**, Officer **Karen Wright**, Officer **Derwin Henderson**, Officer **Danielle Banks**, Officer **Jerome Divinity**, civilian **Martin Brooks**, Mgt. Assist. **Cheryl Fallon Weaver**.

Our special thanks go out to all the past LAPD DARE officers for all their dedicated hard work with the children of Los Angeles. Your efforts will be missed. ❖



by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

Not a whole lot of movement this month, but we do welcome **Marcus Eagles**, #35303, from Pacific Division!

Congratulations

To our new daddies—P2 **Osvaldo Castillo** on the birth of his daughter Erin; P2 **Jeff Fischer** on the birth of his son Ethan Scott; and P2 **Ray Kim** on the birth of his first son, Andrew!

Officer of the Quarter

WTD is pleased to announce the Employee of the Second Quarter as P3 **Patrick Delaney**, #27847. Pat is a 12-year veteran of the department and has been at WTD since 1995, promoting to P3 in 1999. He excels in a variety of assignments and provides training to new CI personnel, patrol officers, as well as Reserve officers. He is truly dedicated to his profession, and we are glad to have him at WTD!

Girls in Action!

Well not to be outdone by all the excellent work their male peers have been doing, several of our female employees have been hard at work as well (actually this should read "creating extra work" for our field sergeants!).

Christine Buliez and **Rebecca Reyes** were working Hollywood one night when a young lad decided to cross the street (i.e., jaywalk) in front of them. Christine attempted to gain the man's

attention to advise him of his error. However, he proceeded to give the officers a certain hand gesture and walked away from them. A U-turn was immediately done to conduct the traffic stop. However, the chap continued to walk across the street and into a pizza shop. Our two fine officers followed him in where they located him at a table full of food, along with some of his friends. A conversation ensued whereupon the young man thought it would be funny to not provide his true identity in order to get out of a ticket. The officers had another idea and thought it would be prudent for the young man to go to jail for 148 PC. The young man thought about it again and decided he'd rather fight the officers than go to jail. So 20 minutes and six officers later, the suspect was in custody and off to his new home for the weekend. By the way, the friends secured the pizza during the fight and polished it off after the show was over.

Stacey French and **Rebecca Reyes** (hmm, do we see a pattern here?) were assisting a stranded motorist who really didn't want to be assisted at all. In fact, he was quite intoxicated with some other substances possibly in his system. This did not make a good combination, especially when the officers decided to take him into custody. The result was another use of force with the suspect spitting, cussing, committing lewd conduct, and pretty much eating the interior of a police car. And after their required M.T. at a local hospital, the same officers then got flagged down to deal with a 5150 woman wielding a broom and assaulting people at an apartment complex. Enough is enough!

Good Luck

Good luck to Watch 3's CI extraordinaire **Chris Buliez**, #34690, whose Army Reserve unit is being deployed to Iraq for the next 18 months. Girl, we are going to miss you! Send us the APO address, and we'll send pics and goodies when we can! ❖

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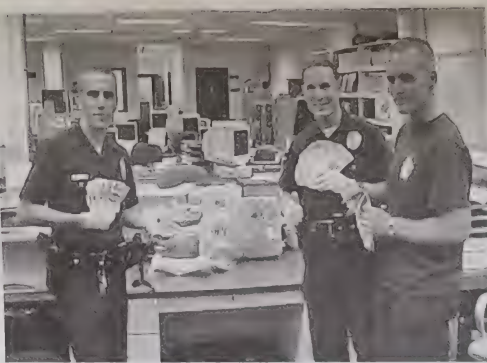
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by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

Devonshire CLEAR Unit Makes a Big Catch

On July 22, 2004, Devonshire CLEAR officers received a call from a Mexican Mafia soldier who decided to become a conscientious objector. He snatched off his fellow gang members who were involved in narcotics activity at a certain address in Devonshire Area.



CLEAR Officers **Richard Moakley**, **John Macchiarella**, and **Chad Reuser**, went to the location and were allowed a consent search by the occupants of the residence. During the search, they found ten pounds of marijuana and \$2,600. As always, Devonshire officers are in the forefront of fighting crime and making sure they continue to make quality investigations and arrests.

In the photo above, we see Moakley,

Macchiarella, and Reuser next to the marijuana and flashing some of the cash. Reuser is also holding a baby bottle that was used as a bong by one of the occupants of the residence. The ten pounds of marijuana, if hand-rolled into cigarettes, would produce 1,621 joints. Just in case you're wondering, \$2,600 would buy 866 Big Macs and two cheeseburgers.

The Latest Devonshire Babies

A couple of days ago, Officer **Walter Boyle** entered the Complaint Unit and said he wanted to talk to me. He had a big smile on his face as if he had just committed some form of major misconduct. I got a new tape into the tape recorder, filled out a lead-in sheet, and took out a notepad to write down the details. Walter kept looking at me with a big smile. I thought he must have really done something big. No one smiles like that unless they think they can get away with it. Making sure his rights were protected, I read Walter his Miranda rights. After that came the direct order to make a statement. It was then that Walter told me what had to be a medical first. He said he had a baby. Impossible, I thought to myself. Men don't have babies. With that, he cleared things up. Walter handed me a baby picture and an F.I. card. How he got his baby to answer his questions for the F.I., I'll never know.

On May 22, 2004, Walter Boyle, and, as he describes it, the love of his life Linda Boyle had a beautiful baby girl. Per the F.I., she is a female, white, brown hair, blue eyes, 20-3/4 inches tall and weighs 7 lbs., 9 oz. On top of all of this, she happens to have a beautiful name. She will go through life as Keira Ann



Keira Ann Boyle.

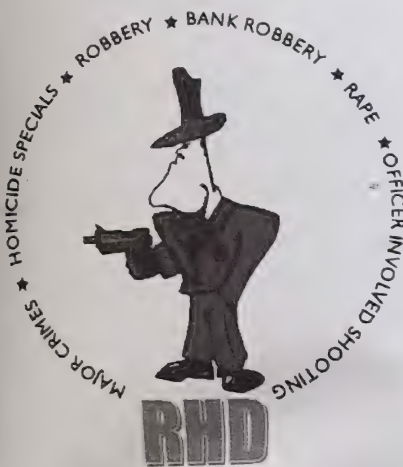
Boyle. Keira is seen in the photo giving a fist up "baby power" sign.

On June 7, 2004, **Jeff Case** and his wife Denise went to the doctor for her checkup. The doctor decided the baby should come out. But first, he sent Jeff and Denise off to have dinner. After a light dinner, it was back to the hospital for a 12-round title fight with what is commonly known as induced labor.



Shelby Lorraine Case.

Through it all, Denise was a tough fighter. In the end, baby Shelby Lorraine Case entered this planet on 6/8/04 at 0250 hours. At 21-3/4 inches, she weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 oz. Baby Shelby is seen in the accompanying photo. ❖



by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

During the month of July, 2004, Robbery-Homicide Division, Cold Case Homicide Unit (RHD/CCHU) has received three cold DNA matches on unsolved murders. A brief synopsis has been included below on those cases.

1. On November 10, 1977, Jim Barcomb was found strangled and dumped in West Los Angeles area. The DNA match has identified Rodney Acala, a current Department of Corrections inmate. Acala has been convicted twice for killing a 12-year-old Huntington Beach girl, but both times the case has been overturned on appeal. He is awaiting a third trial for that murder. Additionally, Acala was connected approximately two years ago to two Los Angeles Sheriffs Department (LASD) murders of female victims that occurred in 1977 and 1978. He is awaiting trial on those cases. One of those murder victims from the LASD cases was the sister-in-law of Capt. **Al Michelena**, commanding officer, Robbery-Homicide Division.
2. On December 10, 1983, Phyllis Jenson was found beaten and strangled in an alley in Southwest Area. A DNA cold hit identified a convicted felon as a suspect in Jenson's murder. The investigation into this case is just beginning in an attempt to further link the suspect.
3. On April 12, 1991, in Hollenbeck Area, 93-year-old Soo Hoo Quon was the victim of a sexually-motivated murder. A DNA match identified the suspect. Albert Rodriguez Salinas is a convicted sexual predator who was not in custody when detectives were notified of the match. A probable cause arrest warrant was issued for his arrest, and with the assistance of State Parole, he was arrested on July 22, 2004. The District Attorney's office will be filing special circumstances murder charges against Salinas. Additionally, three more suspects have been identified through a search con-

ducted of the Automated Fingerprint System. The prints were lifted from a stolen vehicle that was used in the commission of a 1978 robbery/murder of Moustafa Abd-El-Eziz in Southeast Area. One of the three identified suspects is currently on death row for a 1979 murder handled by Southwest Detectives. The other two suspects also have long criminal histories. The same vehicle was also used during other crimes during a week-long spree, including a Rampart murder, and two murders in the jurisdiction of LASD. This investigation has just recently begun by CCHU detectives.

Detectives' Daughter Fights for Life

The married couple of Det. **Eric Mosher**, Robbery Homicide Division, and **Carol Mosher**, Commercial Crimes Division, are the parents of three-year-old Claire Mosher who is battling severe medical problems. Claire had been diagnosed with a serious, but not life threatening, medical condition. Doctors specializing in this particular field began treating Claire who had an extremely rare allergic reaction to the medication and has been in intensive care for approximately ten days. Claire's condition remains extremely critical. Eric's partner at RHD, Det. **Mike Berchem**, contacted the American Red Cross and arranged for a blood drive to take place at Parker Center on July 27, 2004. According to the Red Cross, the 100 pints of blood donated is the largest amount ever received at Parker Center. Claire remains in the intensive care ward at Tarzana Regional Medical Center.

Memorial Relay Race

On June 26, RHD entered a "Golden Masters" team in the annual Memorial Relay race at Dockweiler Beach. Based on the average age at RHD, fielding teams in the more youthful categories was not an option. Although not blessed with speed, courage or (in one particular case) a good sense of direction, the RHD team took 3rd place in their division. The participants were **Tom Mathew**, **Adrian Parga**, **Steve Koman**, **Lyle Prideaux** and **Brian Carr**. "Where the Heck are You Going" Carr. Somewhat buoyed by their respectable showing this year, the teammates are considering training for next year's race and investing in a Global Positioning System.

Speedy Recovery

Robbery Homicide Division would like to extend a speedy recovery to Lt. **Jimmy Grayson** who is home recuperating from knee surgery.

Comings and Goings

For the goings segment, we wish Detectives **Jim Fountain** (just retired) and **Gregory Grant** (soon to be retired) the best in their retirements. ❖

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Leslie Mariscal
Central Traffic Division

Ins and Outs

Welcome to all the new personnel: **R. Golden** from Harbor, **S. Svoboda** from North Hollywood, **B. Matias** and **T. Tillery** from RED, **T. Crabtree** from Valley Traffic Division, **D. Strehl** from VTD, **R. Lockhart** from West L.A., and **U. Ree** from West Traffic Division.

Goodbye and good luck to **M. Sanders** who left for Newton Division. Maggie has been a great asset to CTD. She inspired children by visiting their schools and teaching

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—Urrutia (CTD)



them about traffic safety. Thank you for your efforts and dedication.

D. Gallaher is also leaving us. Good luck in your new assignment. You will surely be missed.

Mystery of the Missing Glasses

An unnamed sergeant, **Jay Nunez**, sat down at the CTD secretary's desk to answer the phone. The secretary returned to her desk moments later and was unable to locate her eyeglasses. The C/O asked her for some information. A frantic and lengthy search was conduct-

ed for the glasses. The search party included the unnamed sergeant. A sharp set of eyes noticed the missing glasses hanging from the sergeant's uniform shirt. Denials were quickly offered, however, the evidence was overwhelming.

CTD Baseball Team

Thanks to Capt. Meraz and the station fund for supporting the CTD baseball team. Team Captain **M. Morales** did a great job in organizing and inspiring the team. Our team members included: **R. Klepper**, **M. Rodriguez**, **F. Padilla**, **J. Flores**, **S. Laule**, **K. Colby**, **M. Saenz** and **C. Guitron**.

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by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

It has been a tough last couple of months for our department. However, once again we have shown through our resolve that we are still the best. No matter what happens to us in our professional or private live, remember to hold your head high and claim the title of a Los Angeles Police Officer. All of us can remember standing in those long lines early in the morning waiting for the chance to get into the next Academy class. Remember the feeling that came

units responded to a help call at Rimpau and Washington Blvd. The call came out as a man with a gun. Upon arrival, officers identified the man and confirmed that he was armed with a gun. A short standoff with the man occurred, and after speaking with him for several minutes, the suspect decided to drop the weapon. On behalf of all Wilshire officers and myself, we would like to say thank you to all the outside divisions that responded and took control of a volatile situation. Thank you.

Departures

Officer **Hodge**, #36725, and **Ibanez**, #36727, have wheeled out to 77th Division. Sorry I missed the party. I promise I will make the next one. Officer **Hsu**, #36726, wheeled to SW, and Officer **Scallon**, #35240, has left us to work at ND, although he still is here most of the time.

Arrivals

Once again it's a short list for those who are coming here. Again I would like to say, don't believe everything you hear about Wilshire. It's a great place to work. We have a great command staff that does everything they can to take care of the officers working in the busiest area. Give it a try, you will not be disappointed.

Officer **Gutierrez**, #36721, comes to us from Rampart, and Officer **Shin**, #36191, is here from Personnel.



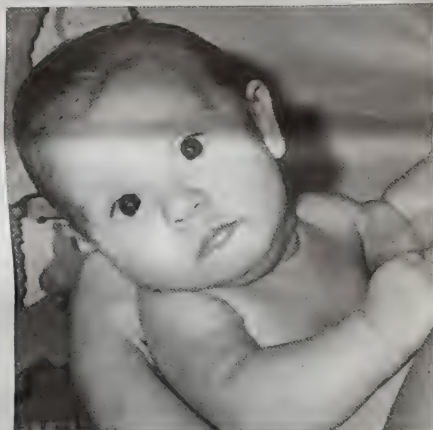
Gang unit and FES getting down in the mud.

over you when you received that letter giving you a date and how happy you were to tell your family and friends that you were going to become a Los Angeles Police Officer. The expressions on their faces told a thousand tales. You worked so hard to get here. Remember where you came from and the hard work and long hours it took to get here. Don't let anyone take that away from you.

Commendation

Written by Sgt. **Alex Kim**, #30174. On July 9, 2004, at approximately 0045 hours, Officers **Kaspian**, #34781, and **Batres**, #33897, responded to an ADW in progress call at the Mobil gas station located at Olympic and Western. Upon arrival, the officers quickly determined that a robbery had occurred and immediately disseminated suspects' information to the units that were responding. Officers **Urena**, #32038, and **Davalos**, #37026, who had no option earlier in the evening but to release a possible robbery suspect after a negative field show-up, realized the same suspect may have been responsible for the crime. During their systematic search in the area, Officer **Davalos** observed the possible suspects and alerted **Urena**. The same suspect who they had detained earlier was now walking with another suspect who was riding the victim's bicycle. Officers carefully approached the suspects from behind and apprehended them without incident. Both suspects were arrested for robbery after a positive field show-up. Great job!

West L.A., Southwest and Wilshire



Hebel Mateo, born 2/26/04, 7.5 lbs, 20 1/2 inches. Officer Rodriguez #35738 and his wife are doing fine.



Timothy A. Hanna, mother is Heidi Hanna. Born 3/2/04, height 20 1/2 inches, weight 7 lbs., 10 oz., father Officer Ashraf Hanna.

Good luck and enjoy your stay.

That wraps it up for another month. Remember to be careful out there and take care of each other.

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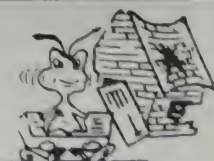
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by Fitz
Rampart Division

Miss Ya!

Sgt **Bill Heard** is still out pounding sand in an un-disclosed spot in Iraq. Shoot fast, shoot straight, Sarge! You and the rest of our freedom fighters will be getting a full fledged Rampart style BBQ when you get back!

Hearty best wishes to a true Rampart staple, Sgt **Rick Beach** underwent surgery recently and is nursing himself back to health. Here's to a speedy recovery to get you back upstairs in the office. It ain't the same without Sgt Beach around. The only thing that's been at The Castle longer than Sarge is...ummm, the...ummm, well...nothing! Get back, Sarge. Take advantage of that DROP!

Old Rampart

D2 **Jerry Greenfield** and his wife D2 **Martha "Marty" Herrera** recently pulled their pins and held a retirement party up at the old Academy to get together with friends, colleagues, old partners and family. A tremendous amount of Rampart history was ever present as old timers from The Castle reminisced about old times and their good ol' days while working the Division. Jerry and Marty talked of their careers at Rampart, the memories, the spirit and noted that the tradition behind The Castle still remains and is carried along with the young guys and gals of our division today. We bid both of you farewell, good times in the many years to come, but also wish that you'll return home to visit us at Rampart. You both have definitely been a part of what makes us a cut above the rest! Don't worry, Jerry...we'll take care of Jimmy!

Congrats!

Congrats to **P2 Manny Hernandez**

and his new bride Jenny who got just got hitched. **P2 Romeo "Bong" Tamparong** finally made it official and wed his long time girlfriend Mindi. Way to go, guys...make sure you wear that ring! **P2 Jess Faber** and his wife Becky had a bouncing baby boy, Thomas Houston. Guess he'll be riding 3-deep with Jess and Miguel! **P3 Jessie Martinez** and his wife Maria had a precious little girl, Valeria. Congrats, guys...better change your share of diapers!

And They're Out!

Congrats to a bunch of boots who passed their probation at The Castle. **P2 Carmen Fabian** goes down to Shootin' Newton...**P2 Mark Nguyen** heads over



Claudia, Meghan, Javi, Humberto and LT...all hot and sweaty from the Torch Run!

to Southwest, and **P2 Ken Gutierrez** goes to Wilshire. Don't forget where you came from!

You Catch It, You Clean It!

Det **Burt Feldtz** eyeballed a suspect serving dope out of his car. Dope and a strap were then recovered from his pad off a search warrant. Nice F/U! **P3 Matt Zeigler** and **P2 Damien Levesque** hit the street in a plainclothes and in a beat-up old hooptie. The Zeiglers had their spidey-senses heightened as they scaled a tall building via the fire escape and caught a Mara new bootie with a cuete in his pocket!

P2 Mike Gramillo and **P2 Ruben Reyna** got a bunch of gangster new booties in a fresh g-ride. They threw a strap. They ran. They got caught. They got hooked and booked. Guess all that cardio has been well worth it, huh boys?

P3 Phil Chan and **P3 Rosie Gutierrez** observed a narco hand-to-hand go down and pulled over the vehicle in question. The coppers tossed the ride and found a reconstructed Dr Pepper can filled with a bunch of heroin. Bet he ain't no Pepper no more! **P2**

Jess Faber and **P2 Miguel Dominguez** nabbed an Echo Park pelon who tossed a strap and a bunch of Meth as he jogged down Sunset Blvd.

P3 Todd Turner and **P2 Danny Cota** had a couple of Rockwood dummies run thru the houses from them. Seconds later, the coppers get flagged down by an attack victim. Yikes! The Todd and D-Cota put two and two together and pieced together a rock-solid case against the Rokwud cowards. **P2 Mike Chang** and **P2 Eric Bruner** caught one of the suspects slipping as he tried to flee the neighborhood. Good job, guys.

Then, the school car...**P2 Mike Chang** and **P2 Eric Bruner** get a

During a stakeout only three days later, Mario and Carlos nabbed the murderer trying to return to his pad to pick up his things and head outta Dodge...err, Rampart! What a hook. Way to hustle, guys!

MS Riders

Piazza's Peddlers are greasing up their chains and pumping up their tires for the upcoming Multiple Sclerosis benefit ride. We've been riding to support Sgt **Rosemary Piazza** in her efforts to battle M.S. for a few years now and our team just keeps growing and growing! The M.S. 150 Bay to Bay tour is just around the corner, and



Rampart runners and Lauren Barron at the Memorial Run last month

Playboy bunny with a wheel gun in his ride. Guess he shouldn't have been cruising through DST hood, huh? Det **Mel Vergara** and **P3 Jorge Trejo** caught a Code 6 Chuckie slinging marijuana along the Corridor. A follow-up is conducted to his pad and 11 kilos of marijuana were found stashed in his closet!

"Caper of the DP" goes out to a few coppers working together to solve a homicide. A couple of Rampart citizens met up in a hotel stairwell and enjoyed a few refreshments while discussing current events. The conversation became heated over an unknown topic and to the surprise of the other, one pulled out a knife! A stabbing occurred, which ended with the demise of an Angelino. The suspect fled. Det **Mario Mota** and Det **Carlos Silva** were next up for the homicide and began their early morning investigation. **P2 Pete "Chops" Miranda** and **P3 Ray Martinez** assisted in receiving top notch intel from a snitch regarding the outstanding suspect.

Rampart riders need your help with donations to assist in fundraising. Each rider must raise at least \$350 to ride for M.S. Surf the Internet to www.nmsoc.org to sponsor the riders in their efforts to raise money to fight M.S. Got questions? Contact Team Captain **P3 Craig Heredia** for details. Thanks for the dough!

Light Your Torch On Fire

The annual Special Olympics Torch Run made its pass through Rampart again...not once, not twice, but three different times! The guys back in Training took it, then a pack from Gangs took it, and even a couple leaders outta SLO's took it. Each team represented Rampart to the fullest as they ran miles and miles till the handoff to the next awaiting division. We won't drop any dimes, but some divisions drove the torch through their areas instead of running it, and some didn't even show up at all!

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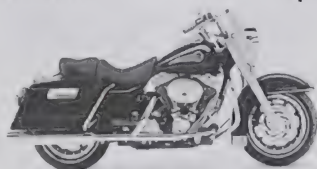
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by Officer Dennis J. DeNol
Military Liaison Officer

I have repeatedly reported in this column that the city of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department do an outstanding job, well above and beyond any federal, state or local requirements when dealing with employees serving in the Armed Forces and their families. However, in the case of the P.O. III promotion eligibility list, this was not the case. The issue was the treatment of P.O. IIs returning from military service that were on the P.O. III promotion list at the time of military activation. When an officer passes the P.O. III examination and was placed on the P.O. III eligibility list prior to reporting for long-term active duty in the Armed Forces Guard and Reserves, this employee's opportunity to promote was reduced, if not denied. In the worst case scenario, their names could die on the list while still on military leave. P.O. II **Thomas DeLuccia**, a staff sergeant with the 315th Psychological Operations Unit serving in Iraq, fell into this category. Officer DeLuccia brought this issue to the Department's attention when he sent an e-mail to Chief **William J. Bratton**. The Chief was impressed by the extremely articulate position Officer DeLuccia laid out, and, in turn, he asked me as the Military Liaison Officer to look into the situation.

I will not bore you with the details, but rather give you the end results and good news. This case is a great example of what can happen when the city, Department and Police Protective League work together for the betterment of the Department and its employees. The Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) spent a great deal of time and money to investigate this important issue. When the LAPPL offered a clear and comprehensive pro-

posal to the city and Department, a compromise was quickly reached that benefited all parties involved. The result of Officer DeLuccia's inquiry is as follows:

Effective immediately, any P.O. II that is on an active P.O. III eligibility list at the time of military mobilization will have his/her remaining time on the list frozen at that point and time. The Department's Personnel Division will track the individual employee's remaining time on the promotion eligibility list. Only that time remaining on the list that runs concurrent with the time the employee spends on active military duty will be frozen and reinstated to the employee upon the employee's return to duty with the Department. Employees serving on active duty are otherwise held to the same rules and regulations as all other employees on the same promotion eligibility list. There will be a forthcoming Department notice outlining all the details of this new policy. I want to thank Officer DeLuccia for pointing out this discrepancy and all the city, Department and League personnel that worked so diligently to rectify this important issue.

Uniform Checks

The Department-issued uniform checks on July 31, 2004, to all qualified sworn employees. The amount of the uniform check is \$875 plus POST bonus for those who rate them. The uniform checks are a "hard" check, separate from your city payroll checks. Personnel Division is mailing the uniform checks for officers serving on extended active military duty to the employee's home of record (as on file at Personnel Division). If your uniform check has not arrived by the time you read this article, please contact Personnel Division, Administrative Section at (213) 485-3243.

Combat Injury

Lt. **Rob Edgar**, Volunteer Services Section, informed me recently that former LAPD Lieutenant (now Deputy Chief LASPD) **Steve LaRoche's** son, **Jonathan LaRoche**, serving with the Marine Corps in Iraq was wounded in combat. He was injured July 16, 2004, when his convoy was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) about 30 miles outside Baghdad, a secondary IED that failed to detonate was discovered nearby. Jonathan was riding "shotgun" in the vehicle that was hit. He and four others including the driver were injured. It sounds like (per Deputy Chief **Larry Manion**, LASPD) LaRoche's son was not injured badly enough to require evacuation out of the area of operation. However, he did receive wounds to the back of his head and side of his face. He refused medical treatment on-scene and assisted the other Marines that received more severe injuries. We contacted the Los Angeles School Police Department and offered the LaRoche family our assistance if needed. Deputy Chief LaRoche anticipates his son's safe return

around September, 2004. As a note of interest, it is Jonathan's desire to join the LAPD upon completion of his enlistment in the Marines.

Vacation Time

It is "vacation season" again, and as many of you may have done, I pulled myself away from my job to enjoy a little "rest and relaxation" (R&R). Have you ever bothered to ask yourself where does the Military Liaison Officer go on vacation? Well, for those of you that have been following this column and my Commander's Message on the Veteran's Corner page, you may remember the last year I went to Oahu, Hawaii. However, I did it for you, my customers, because I was conducting research on military benefits and services. As a retired Marine, I have access to the same benefits and services as Armed Forces Reserve and National Guard personnel. I want to recap a super benefit that all military personnel rate and should try to take advantage. It is the Armed Forces Resort on Waikiki Beach, Oahu, Hawaii. The Hale Koa (Hawaiian for House of Warriors) is the best-kept secret in the Department of Defense. It is a very affordable, first class operation, that you deserve as a reward to yourself and your family. To save space in this column, I won't go into anymore detail here, but refer you to their Web site for information and reservations: www.halekoa.com.

This year I stayed closer to home and went camping on the beach at Camp Pendleton, Marine Corps Base, Oceanside, Calif. Camp Pendleton is the largest and closest base to Los Angeles, and if you have not had the opportunity to visit and explore the base, it would be worth a trip. This base, as most military bases are, is a treasure-trove of benefits and services. Besides the three campgrounds (two beachfront), there are also beach cottages. The cottages located at Del Mar Beach (760-725-2134, be patient) were recently upgraded to permanent structures. They have different accommodations and rates and are well worth looking into. This is a great getaway for our military service employees and/or their families. Again, I direct you to the Web site for more information: www.Pendleton.usmc.mil. Be patient with this Web site; it will be worth your time and effort.

Deferred Compensation?

What happens to your city of Los Angeles Deferred Compensation plan (LAPCP) account when you are activated for long-term military duty? By Federal Tax Code, your participation (financial contributions) in the LADCP must come from your city of Los Angeles payroll check and cannot come from any other source of income. If you have an aggressive retirement investment plan and do not want to lose ground due to your military service, you should make sure you understand your options. There are investment options through the military's Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) and associated armed forces credit unions. The TSP's

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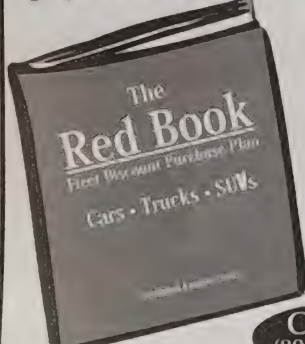
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Web site is www.tsp.gov. Other options may be personal investments via the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union or other private financial institutions. Per Steve Montagna, City Personnel Department, LADCP program manager, participants in the city's Deferred Compensation Plan who take military leave may face unique issues related to their plan contributions and loans taken from the plan. Accommodations can be made for these individuals to the extent permitted under the law. For example, the plan can work with employees to "make up" under-contributed amounts after participants return from military leave. For those individuals who were enrolled in "catch-up" pursuant to nearing retirement eligibility at the time of military activation, the "catch-up" period can be extended. Finally, if a participant has taken out a loan and then takes military leave, the loan can be re-amortized and the term may be extended. Participants are encouraged to contact the LADCP after they return from military leave and talk with one of the local counselors regarding their specific situation and objectives. The counselor will work those individuals to address all questions related to the plan and military leave. You can contact the LADCP's KeyTalk at (888) 457-9460 or visit their Web site at www.cityofla457.com.

Attention to Orders

It is requested that each employee currently on active military duty or those anticipating activation provide the Military Liaison Officer with your correct home of record address and current military (FPO) mailing address and military e-mail accounts. It is further requested that you keep these addresses updated as necessary. The Military Liaison Officer needs this information to better serve you, as the department increasingly turns to the Military Liaison Program to communicate with our employees serving on active duty. You or your family member can provide this information to me via phone, fax, mail, or e-mail. ♦

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North Hollywood News

by Carl Taylor
North Hollywood Division

Departures, Arrivals & Promotions

Congratulations to Clerk Typist **Elaine Prince**. She has retired after 30 years of service. Elaine has enjoyed working numerous divisions and assignments over the course of her career. Good luck, Elaine, and enjoy your retirement. **Nancy Reeves** has also decided to retire after 23 dedicated years of service. Good luck and enjoy that city pension. Would like to welcome **Delos Reyes** from RED, **Kevin Hawn** from Hollywood, and **David Hawkins** from Van Nuys. Welcome aboard, guys.

All of North Hollywood would like to congratulate our boss, Capt. **William Sweet** on his new promotion from Capt. 2 to Capt. 3. He will be remaining at

North Hollywood where life is great. Congrats, Skipper.

New Kids on NOHO's Block

It's time to catch up on reporting our baby population explosion. During the past several months, our lineup in the maternity ward has grown to a full deployment of new kids on the block.

First in line up is **Tom Bangasser** and wife Dee Dee. They finally completed their baseball team and welcomed their



Cole Joseph Pooler, born 3-9-04.

ninth child, Luke Francis, into the world. Luke was born on November 20 and weighed 10 lbs., 2 oz.

Marc Pooler and wife Valerie welcomed son Cole Joseph. He was born on March 3 and weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz.

Brian Hoefler and wife Danielle welcomed their son Davis Allen on May 5. He weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Mike Paris and wife Mary welcomed son Matthew Dean on July 24. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long.

And last, but not least, **Mike Snowden** and wife Dawn welcomed daughter Cameron Bailey on April 21. She weighed in at 8 lbs. And, by the way, Paris and Snowden wives just happen to be sisters.

Station Picnic

This year's station picnic was held in June at the academy. And as usual, it was full of fun, food and events like horse-shoes, face painting, etc. The entertainment was provided by retired officer **Al Hammond's** band.



Kayla Cooper at NHWD picnic. Daughter of Miram Cooper.

Employees of the Month

I would like to apologize for not mentioning the Employees of the Month for the month of June. The following officers were named as area employees for the month of June. **Roy Gutherie** and **Jake Fernandez** are two veteran officers who are dedicated to the community that they serve. Both officers display positive attitudes and their energy is reflective in their everyday contacts. They are well respected by their peers and work as team players.

Gerald Ehrlich was named as the area Employee for the Month of July. He



Congratulations to newlyweds Paul and Amy Scott. Married on June 12th.

is a 32-year veteran of the department. Currently he is assigned as the area auditor of Probationary Officers Field Training Books. He consistently projects a very professional image to the public and he has a genuine concern for the citizens he serves. In summary, all officers are well deserving to be the officers of the month. ❖

1 Northeast Corner

by Susan Carrasco
Northeast Division

Explorer Challenge

On June 26, 2004, the 5th Annual Explorer Challenge was held at the Los Angeles Police Academy in Elysian Park. Northeast Area Explorer Advisors, Officers **Marjan Mobasser** and **Mark Caraveo**, hosted the event under the supervision of Sgt. **Sandy Rosenberg**. The challenge invited Explorer posts from far and wide to compete in eight separate police scenarios. The event was a success with 38 Explorer posts and approximately 1,000 Explorers participating. Many different Explorer posts won trophies for their outstanding performance during the scenarios. The Lancaster Station of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department won the overall trophy for the highest score during the scenarios and the Northeast Area Explorers placing second. Thanks goes out to all the Department personnel who were judges, actors and cooked lunch during the event. Many of these Explorers are future police officers and chiefs of police. All the training and positive experience they received will mold them into outstanding leaders of tomorrow.

Commendable Capers

Caper 1: Officers **Carol Allen** and **Juan Zelaya** were working the early morning hours and responded to a call in Eagle Rock of burglary suspects. When they arrived at the location, they observed a man and a woman standing next to a truck loaded down with property. It appeared the two were living in the vehicle. The woman even had the keys to the vehicle in her pocket. The two were detained in furtherance of a proper investigation. Officers **David McDowell** and **Ricardo Fera** arrived at the location and assisted the other officers. They entered the truck's VIN number into the Stolen Vehicle system and discovered the vehicle was stolen from the city of Burbank. The officers contacted

Burbank Police Department and learned the vehicle was stolen off a secured lot. The vehicle had also been stolen on a prior date and later recovered. When the vehicle had been recovered, property with a man's name on it was discovered inside. Ironically, the name was the same name of the man the officers had detained during the current incident. The man and woman were both placed under arrest for grand theft auto. The officers are commended for their outstanding investigative skills and dedication to crime reduction.

Caper 2: Officer **Hector Olivera** has an outstanding investigative background investigating grand theft auto (GTA) crimes. He has been involved in over 100 GTA and burglaries from motor vehicle (BFMV) arrests. He knows the methods suspects use, including the types of vehicles taken and the technique the suspects use. While on patrol, Officer **Juan Padilla** and Officer **Olivera** were conducting GTA crime suppression in the area. Officer **Olivera** observed a Toyota. He recognized this vehicle as one that is generally parked in front of a church. The officers observed several Vehicle Code violations and ran the vehicle's license plate number in the Stolen Vehicle System. The vehicle did not return stolen. The officers observed dew on the windows, noting the vehicle had just been started. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle informed the officer the vehicle belonged to a friend, yet was unable to provide the name of the friend. The vehicle had a key in the ignition and a band around the column holding the column together. He was on active parole for burglary and ultimately informed the officers he did not own his own vehicle. He had a pocketful of vehicle keys. Officer **Allan Ocampo** responded to the registered owner's residence and asked the owner if he knew where his vehicle was located. The owner stepped out of his residence and led the officer to the location in front of the church where the vehicle had been parked. The owner informed the officer he did not know the man who was driving the vehicle and had not given anyone permission to drive the vehicle. The vehicle did have the Club, but as the driver learned, it does not work if it is on the floor of the vehicle. The driver had not installed the Club on the vehicle. The officers are commended for their outstanding work ethics! ❖

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

A few people moved on or joined us on one of the recent transfers. We are happy to report that we have a new D2 by the name of **M. Warschaw** who arrived from CHD. **A. Harris** from the records unit will now be an OFSCV



Officer Chris Shaw, West LA's Lounge Lizard.

assistant. Clerk Typist **Karen Shehorn** has left for CCD, while P2s **M. Mendoza** and **J. Pereira** went to Newton, and P2 **K. Smyres** went to Van Nuys. I think that's it, unless I missed someone, for which I humbly apologize.

Officer **Chris Shaw** has been called up and will be heading to Iraq this month. His unit will be deployed September 9th. It is the Army's Bravo Company, 1/140th Aviation that is attached to the 18th Airborne Corps. He will be performing flying missions using UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopters. His unit will be based out of the Ballad Army Airfield for one year with another one-year option. He said that they will be in the middle of the Sunni Triangle and that the aircraft crews have been reporting ground fire every time they fly! We hope and pray for his safety during this time. After all, he survived Desert Storm, so he should be able to handle round two. He promised to take several videos from aboard his helicopter as well as videos of home life in Iraq. More power to him and others like him for their willingness to go into the battle zone! We will miss his crazy laugh while he's gone, as he is quite a character, to say the least! I hope he'll keep us up-to-date with info as well as pics. Speaking of pictures, here's one of Chris doing his imitation of a lounge lizard.

Everything's coming up roses...or rather, babies. Det. **Kirby Carranza** and his wife recently had a baby girl named **Isabella Mikaela**. Officer **Royal**



Edith, wife of Det. Kirby Carranza, with the latest addition to the family - Isabella Mikaela, born April 14, 2004.



Chloe Olivia Barber and her adorable big sister.

Barber and his wife also had a baby girl recently by the name of **Chloe Olivia Barber**. Additionally, **Hunter Kip Jackson** was born on 12/9/03 and was the first child of Officer **Catalina Lopez** of West L.A. and Officer **Kip Jackson** of West Valley (who did his probation at West L.A.). The police force runs strong in their family, as the baby's aunt is Officer **Brandy Jackson** of West Valley and Kip Jackson's father was Sgt. **Clarence Jackson** who had his EOW on 7/2/94.

The weather was great, and so was the turnout for the 6th Annual Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament. This was held on July 26 at the Mountaingate Country Club. The police department and the community gathered together once again to help raise support for Sam and Joey Voge whose father died in 1998 of an inoperable brain tumor. Andy was only 36 years old when he died, and the funds raised from the golf tournament will ensure a college education for the children. Approximately \$7,000 was raised at this event, and the Voge family wishes to express its gratitude to the LAPD and the West Los Angeles community. Andy was the best, a real pleasure to work with, and countless people



Hunter Kip Jackson, born 12-0-03. Parents are officer Catalina Lopez of West LA Division and Kip Jackson of West Valley Division. Grandfather Sgt. Clarence Jackson EOW 7-2-94, auntie officer Brandy Jackson (West Valley).

were shocked and deeply saddened at his early demise. His sense of humor was as large as he was tall (six-foot-eight) and he had a good rapport with his coworkers. Det. **Ron Phillips** headed up the tournament where approximately 176 citizens and police personnel played golf, ate lunch and then had an afternoon barbecue. A great time was had by all. **Jay**

Handal and the San Geronimo Restaurant once again graciously donated the food. Items included chicken, pasta, salad, rolls, etc. All skill levels were represented where the main focus was for the cause and the camaraderie. And then there were raffle tickets. Det. **Joel Price** won a two-night stay at the Argente Hotel in San Francisco and said that several people have tried to buy the tickets from him. He also said that he lost 12 golf balls, hit himself in the foot with one of them, and also tore up several clumps of grass while attempting to golf. He forgot his straw hat so had to endure the heat, but the tickets he won made up for any discomfort.

Officer **Heider** (Heiderman) also won a two-night stay, this one at a new resort near La Jolla.

Several people have already said they plan to attend next year's tournament, which will be held on June 20 at the same location.

We still miss that "jolly blue giant" and can picture him jogging in the neighborhood around the station. His family will continue to be in our prayers as he may be gone, but he is definitely not forgotten.



by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
Pacific Division



Sgt. Chris Dutton

Greetings, Amigos!

Can it be September already? School, homework, deadlines, tests, and for many of us the best news is football season is back. Hopefully, the weather temps will subside, because Pacific station has been in a perpetual state of repair, causing the A/C to be turned off periodically on the hottest days of the week. If the stock in fans has risen, it is due directly to the purchase of a few million used to circulate the air in the station.

Comings and Goings

There were no comings, only goings going last D.P. Pacific Area will be losing Officer **H. Maltos** to DSD. Additionally, WTD will be the recipient of Officer **S. Gregory** and Officer **M. Eagles**. Three probationers were successful and passed their probation. Officer **J. Barr** will be learning AOs, CPIs, etc. at VTD. Officer **E. Feliz** will join the crew at Newton Division. Finally, Officer **K. Shaw** will be hookin' and bookin' at 77th Division.

Special Day for a Special Person

On Thursday, July 29, Pacific Division hosted a special event to honor Sgt. **Kelly Shea**. The parking lot was turned into a

reception area to feast on food and fellowship with the guest of honor as well as many friends. It was standing room only as many dignitaries responded including our own Chief of Police. Many hands were involved in preparing this event—too many to list—but your hard work was greatly appreciated. I would like to highlight one individual whose extremely hard work made this event a resounding success. Sgt. **Chris Dutton** was beside himself responding to "special" requests for those dignitaries who attended the event. One question does arise though: Just what was Sgt. Dutton doing atop the helipad area all by his lonesome?

Babies R' Us

As they are reported, I will announce. Pacific officers are continuing to add to the population. Officer **Elliot King** and his better half, Christina, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Ayson William King. Ayson was born July 29, 2004, at 0600 hours and weighed in at 6 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19 inches long. Mom, Baby, Dad are doing fine.

Finally, don't forget your fellow brother and sister officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call and spread some cheer their way.

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by Larry Wehage
Newton Division

Newton Reunion

The Newton reunion was held at the Academy on July 31. After months of anticipation and preparation, **Kelle Baitx, Johnny Villa, Rich Arciniega, Adriana Rodriguez, Jeff Churchill, and Hugh O'Gara** put together another great reunion event. It started at 2:00 p.m. and lasted until 2:00 a.m. the following morning. (The resident squirrel stopped by at dusk and an opossum strolled past a few of us about 10:30 p.m.)

It was truly a pleasure seeing and reconnecting with old friends. The retirees,



Here's six of the retirees: back row, Joe Walker and Rich Munoz. Front row, Jay Hernando, Dennis Scherr, Ed McGee, and Alex Correa.

almost to a person, had a smile and many uttered the words, "There is life after LAPD." However, when told about the benefits of the DROP program, the smile fell off a few mugs.

Timmy Russell tried to claim the prize for traveling the farthest to get to the reunion. He thought Whittier (he pronounced it Whee-tee-er) was worthy of a free gift, but **Wayne Abernathy** from Alabama and



Patty and Terry Barclay preparing to eat. The guest in the middle is the Margarita Machine.

another retiree from Utopia, Texas, out-gunned him.

There was a second award for the person retired the longest. That award went to **Jack Howlett**. He retired in 1967, as I recall. Amazingly enough, he looked better than some current people on the job. Good genes, I suppose.

The cooking crew kept feeding the partygoers as long as the food held out. A hearty selection of meat, potatoes, salad, corn, rolls, apples, oranges, water,

soda, beer, and margaritas kept everyone happy. By the way, the food (except the hot links) never ran out.

When all was said and done, a suggestion arose regarding Newton's 75th anniversary in 2005. Wayne Abernathy suggested that the retirees would do much of the legwork in setting it up. I have a feeling it will occur, so those who didn't make it to the reunion this year, wait 'til next year.

Movie Star

In the just-released movie, "Collateral," you may want to closely observe the fight between actor Jamie Foxx and a police officer at the scene of a traffic collision. Yes, it really is **Bob Deamer**. (Bob is trying to raise money for the Boston Red Sox to hire better players. He really wants the BoSox to win the Big One before he dies.)

You Might be a Newton Cop...

Many requests have been forwarded to me relative to this section. Here goes: If you eat your meal with a broken fork, you might be a Newton cop.

If your laundry doesn't get done because you're out of quarters, you might be a Newton cop.

If your family tree is full of bark beetles, you might be a Newton cop.

If you have visited all nine strip clubs in the division in one day, you might be a Newton cop.

If a Tam's burger shows up on your MRI, you might be a Newton cop.

If you ever set off a stink bomb in the local fire station, you might be a Newton cop.

If you learned how to play craps at a division picnic, you might be a Newton cop.

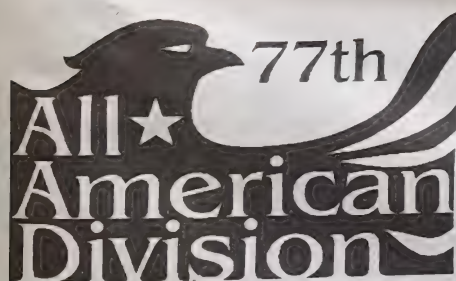
If you ever chased a runaway bull in the L.A. river, you might be a Newton cop.

And finally, if your current residence has a license plate on it, you might be a Newton cop.

You can reach me at lwehage@aol.com.



Some of the attendees at the Newton reunion.



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

PIII Charles Howard, #14300

Thirty-six years with the LAPD and still going strong. **Charles** has been a



PIII Charles Howard and Lt. Paul Von Lutzow.

part of 77th for as long as anyone can remember. Asked why he stays, and his answer is simple, "I'm not ready to leave just yet."

So on July 14 at W7 roll call, we honored this "O.G. 77th Street Officer." Congratulations, Sir!

12A15 Show Me in Pursuit

Not something you look for in a day's work, but when you are as good as officers PIII **Steve Zaby**, #25530, and PIII **Eric Crosson**, #32355, you just seem to possess that magic touch! They know a "G-ride" when they see one.

As dedicated officers they engage, why the driver/suspect does not choose to stop and comply is "their choice." Maybe they see dollar signs at the end of the road. Who knows? This one was a Code 4 for everyone.

77th Street Officers Attention



W3 officers with Lt. Roger Murphy.

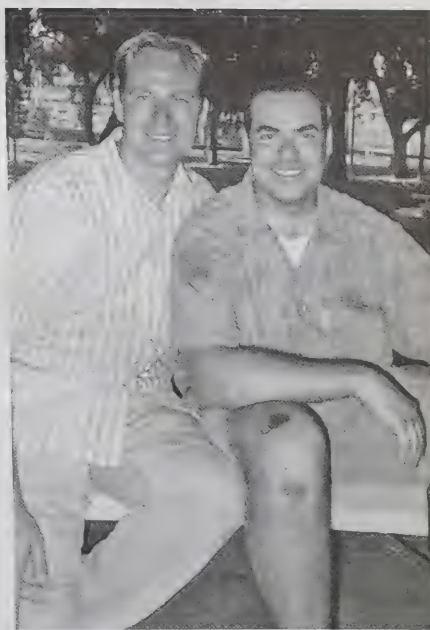
On July 23, 2004, 77th Street came to attention in class "A" uniforms and stood inspection. Chief **William Bratton**, Chief **George Gascon**, Chief **Earl Paysinger**, along with the Captain **III Kenny Garner** inspected the troops. Looking very, very good!

After inspection, it was time for speeches and photos. Chief Bratton commended 77th for their appearance and

hard work. He spoke of the future and instilled a sense of pride in the troops as did the remaining brass. We left the top of that parking structure knowing just how much we are appreciated!

After the inspection, we all were required to report to the Harbor Range for additional training, lunch and P.T.

Dodge Ball was the game for the day, and what a game! If you paid money to see this recent movie, you should have seen the sequel at the range. It was a classic! Only 1 photo taken at the end for security reasons. Imagine having your non gun hand unable to play and trying to hit someone with a dodge ball



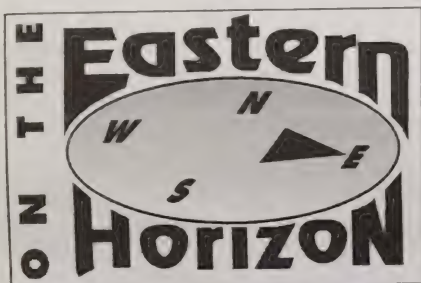
with your gun hand. It was intense and at times brutal. But my goodness, you had to be there to see this. It was funnier than a comedy show. The audience was crying from laughter, and as you can see from the photo, our 187 Detectives **Scott Williams** and **Erik Baker** should have been called in.

On vacation...gotta go. Stay safe. ❖

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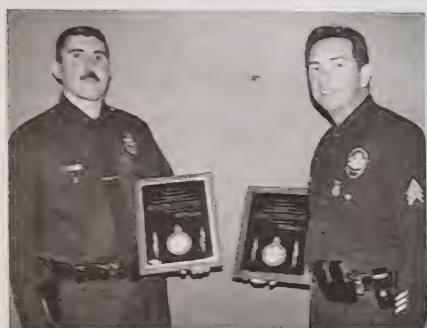


by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Let me first apologize for my recent hiatus. I took a little break and didn't submit an article for a couple of months. However, it seems that my four readers were quite upset about that and have been complaining. Therefore, I decided to get back to writing, and I promise to make every effort to keep it coming in the future.

Kelly Key Award

On May 14, the Hollenbeck Youth Center held its annual "Salute to the Dodgers" luncheon at the Bonaventure



Sal Lizarraga and Al Cota.

Hotel. As part of the ceremonies, two Hollenbeck officers were honored by being presented with a coveted Kelly Key Award. This recognition is part of the annual event and is designed to acknowledge the accomplishments of individual officers. This year's recipi-

ents of the Kelly Key Award are Sgt. Al Cota and Officer Salvador Lizarraga, two very deserving, dedicated and professional law enforcement officers who exemplify the best that the Los Angeles Police Department embodies.

Steve Gajda Memorial Golf Tournament

The 2004 annual Steve Gajda Memorial Golf Tournament is now history. The event, hosted by the Police and Business Association, was again a great success. The many participants were treated to a day of golf and festivities,



The fearsome foursome.

with the proceeds benefiting Steve's surviving children. The enclosed photo depicts Officers Robert Farias and Anthony Salazar, along with friends Javier Torres and Joe Ramirez. The foursome placed second overall in the tournament. Steve has never been forgotten, and this is a great way to keep his memory alive. Brittany and Brandon, Steve's children, appreciate the continued remembrance and support.

Wedding Bells

Marriage nuptials will be performed on October 9 as two of Hollenbeck's own exchange wedding vows. Sgt. Mike Morisseau and PSR Linda Ortega will be tying the knot and starting a new life as one. We wish both of you the best and may your marriage be full of bliss.



The happy couple.

A Family Tragedy

Hollenbeck's field supervisor, Sgt. Al Ramos, asked me to include the below statement to thank everyone and to acknowledge the support he received from the Hollenbeck family during a very tragic period in his life:

On July 14 of this year, several of my family members lost their lives during a tragic traffic accident in Mexico. My parents, my two-year-old nephew, my uncle, my cousin and good friend were returning home from their vacation in Mexico to their respective homes in California when the collision occurred. While traveling on a single-lane two-way road between Caborca and Sonoyta in the state of Sonora in a Chevy Astro van, they became involved in a head-on collision with a semi truck. The driver of the semi truck suffered minor injuries but survived. My family members all died on impact with the exception of my father who died approximately three hours later in the ambulance while enroute to the hospital in Caborca.

When I was notified of the incident, I immediately responded to Caborca to identify and claim their bodies. Our friend was transported to her hometown in Mexico. My family members were transported and laid to rest at the All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach, next to my sister who died of cancer four months earlier.

I know that many of my LAPD brothers and sisters would have wanted to attend the services. Please accept my apologies but there was an extreme urgency in laying to rest due to the physical condition in which they were. Given

the circumstances, it turned out to be a very beautiful ceremony, and I know that you were all there with me in spirit.

I wanted to share this incident with you because I consider all of you members of my extended family, and as such you have a right to a bit of insight about the incident. I also wanted to extend my most sincere gratitude to all of you for moral and economical support as well as for your well wishes and prayers. It's because of your support that makes this difficult time easier. My faith in God remains strong, and in return I am at peace with myself. I love you all and may God bless your lives.

Welcome

We would like to extend a welcome hand to Lt. R. Rooney, now assigned to Hollenbeck after a stint at Central Division. We also say hello to Officer M. Bravo, in from Personnel Division. L. Trujillo now calls Hollenbeck home, after being assigned to Central Division. Management Aide S. Ziliotto comes to us from Central Bureau. We welcome all of you to Hollenbeck Division, which I am sure you will find an enjoyable family to be a part of.

So Long

We bid farewell to Lt. B. Girmala, now assigned to Central Division. I want to take this time to not only wish Lt. Girmala the best on her new assignment, but to also thank her for her great supervisory skills and understanding while assigned to Hollenbeck Division. Officer J. Kirkpatrick is now at West Valley Division, while Officer J. Han is now patrolling the streets of 77th Division. E. Acuna also headed south and is now serving the citizens of Southeast Division. Good luck to all of you in your respective new assignments.

Que Paso

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Rich "Tea Pot" Bartoldo. I have it on good authority that Rich was given that moniker because he is "short and stout." Well, at least he is well balanced.

See you all on the next one.



by Andrew Garcia
Hollywood Division

National Night Out

Well, most of you saw the Spiderman and Sponge Bob bouncers in the south parking lot. It was National Night Out. There were lots of kids to play on the rides and plenty of food. Captain Downing and Captain Moriarty said that it was a successful event and all the

kids had a great time.

Hollywood Gang Officers and Narco Officers Receive Award From City Council

The Hollywood Gang unit and Hollywood FES received a "Certificate of Recognition" from the city council for outstanding service to the community and outstanding achievements in suppressing gang crime and narcotics activ-



ities in the Hollywood Area. This award had to do with the "Project Restore Hollywood Task Force" and the 18th Street injunction.

However, I would like to add that every officer in Hollywood contributed to the reduction of gang crime in Hollywood and we in the gang unit would like to thank all the patrol officers for their hard work!

What Parking Lot?

I drove into the station the other day and noticed something, THERE WERE NO CARS IN THE PARKING LOT! I thought this was some kind of Twilight Zone episode where I came to work and everyone moved without telling me. It seems that the City gave us short notice to repave the parking lot. It was kind of a pain, but it's all done and looks great! There was a privacy screen placed on the south lot fence, which may sound kind of silly but it makes sense when you think of all the weirdo's looking into the parking lot for whatever reason.

Hey, I Want To Take That Convertible Shop Out!

I was walking out of Hollywood gang office and I did a double take, sitting in

the parking lot was a brand new Ford Mustang convertible black and white. The first thing I thought was that Sgt Ortiz and Sgt Ventura somehow flim-flammed that

Captain into purchasing a convertible black and white as the watch commander's response vehicle. I found out that the car was donated by Galpin Ford.



To make a long story short I asked one of the reserve officers to take a picture of me inside the car. Well, this became a photo shoot for any officer who happened to stroll by! We all agreed that this would be a great addition to the Hollywood fleet!

Last Note

Remember folks, we become so busy that we forget to tell each that you are doing a great job out there. This has been a busy, busy summer and we all worked long hard hot hours! GOOD JOB!

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The LAPD GOLF CLUB

by Fred Cueto

The LAPD Golf Club Season is in full swing! Recent Tournament results included:

The Knollwood Tournament

A-Flight Team Winner: 77th Division (Hance, Coleman, Daveron and

Trevor Wilson, #13- Lou Cabrera and #17- Kerri Potter. Long Drive: Men- Ted Hammond, Women- Kerri Potter Two-Person Team Best Ball: Steve Estrada and Kerri Potter (SouthEast)

The La Mirada Tournament

A-Flight Team Winner: Devonshire (Solter, Cabrera, Cueto and Braun)



Hammond) B-Flight Team Winner: 77th Division (Driver, Casey, J. Sanchez and Garcia) A-Flight Individual Winner: Jim Antenucci (Devonshire), Gross 82 B-Flight Individual Winner: Ted Hammond (77th Division), Net 60 Closest to the Pin: #6- Dave Escoto, #8-

B-Flight Team Winner: Foothill Detectives (Bishop, Travis, Stocks and Escoto) A-Flight Individual Winner: Pat Russell (Wilshire), Gross 70 B-Flight Individual Winner: Frank Bishop (Foothill), Net 61 Closest to the Pin: #5- Eric Solter, #9- Bill Driver, #11- Gary

Halldale and #17- Skip Mansline Long Drive: Men- Chris Barring, Women- Lori Real

The Los Verdes Tournament

A-Flight Team Winner: 77th Division (Hance, Tejada, Coleman and Hammonds) B-Flight Team Winner: 77th Division (Casey, Driver, J. Sanchez and Garcia) A-Flight Individual Winner: Wayne Oatis (Air Support), Gross 79 B-Flight Individual Winner: Dave Escoto (Foothill), Net 71 Closest to the Pin: #3- Kerri Potter, #5- Bill Driver, #12- Pete Sanchez and #17- John Hunt Long Drive: Men- Wayne Oatis, Women- Lori Real Two-Person Team Best Ball: Pat Russell and John Hunt (Wilshire)

The Police/ Fire Games: Stockton 2004

Congratulations to Kerri Potter (SouthEast), Steve Estrada (SouthEast), Jim Antenucci (Devonshire) and Pat



Russell (Wilshire) for an excellent showing at the Police/Fire Games. Kerri finished 3rd in Women's A-Flight and along with Steve, took a Bronze Medal as a Team. Jim took a Silver and Pat took a Bronze and as a Team, finished 1st in Team Net, and took home a Silver after a card-off.

Upcoming Tournament

The next LAPD Golf Club Tournament is September 17th at Brookside Golf Course, Pasadena. Cost is \$50.00. Contact us at LAPDgolfclub@aol.com if you're interested in playing.❖



The Ten Ring

by Lou Salseda

The California Police and Fire Games pistol PPC events require different handguns to compete in the various categories. The shooting stages have time restrictions and the distance varies between 7 and 50 yards. Precision accuracy is the key to winning or placing. Maintaining a high marksmanship skill level and having the most accurate ammunition available is necessary to consistently defeat other law enforcement competitors. Winchester Western Ammunition has proven time and again to be the best ammunition on the market to turn Lead into Gold.

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If you are interested in competing next year, please contact Bob Barnes at (213) 485-3445. ❖

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by Ruben Espalin
Athletic Coordinator

Bench Press Contest in Fall "It's On"

It seems like yesterday when Southeast took the team gold in the June bench press competition. With that being said, the words are flying at 77th wants to keep the top dog spot for the year promising a different outcome in the October competition. **Von Lutzow** is gearing up for the event, rallying his troops and devising his strategy for the October battle. To say that this is going to be a dogfight is an understatement! Teams from Southeast, Rampart, 77th, among others will be vying for the individual as well as the team awards to have the bragging rights. Can Southeast do the unthinkable and repeat the feat from June? This contest is sure to be one of epic proportions. Flyers and information are available in the Athletic Department at LAPRAAC. If you have questions, call **Josiah** or **Ruben** at (323) 221-5222, ext. 221 or 219.

Flag Football Players Gear Up

The 2004 intradepartmental flag football season will get underway October 10. The team captain's meeting will be held September 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the bar lobby area at the L.A. Police

Academy. For information on flag football, please call Josiah at (323) 221-5222, ext. 221.

Intradepartmental Basketball

The 2004 intradepartmental basketball season will begin November 8 with the team evaluations happening on November 1-2. We look forward to a great upcoming season filled with exciting fast-paced action and coast-to-coast thrills. **Charles Perry** and his crew will be ready to take on the ref duties even though it is considered hazardous duty at times!

For information on the upcoming season, please call the Athletic Department at 221 or 219.

First Inaugural Slam Dunk/3 PT Shooting Contest 8/27

The first ever Slam Dunk/3 PT Shooting Contest was held on Aug. 27 in the L.A. Police Academy gym. Was **Milt Hernandez** the man in the "A" three-point shootout? Did anyone make any half-court shots? Who was the **Vince Carter** in the slam-dunk arena (**Nate Baez**)?

Look for details in the next *Blue Line* issue.

LAPD Wrestling with an Asian Flair

Officer **Troy Collins** of the Planning



Troy Collins in action.

and Research Division received top honors in the Sumo World by being asked to perform and give demonstrations in Washington, D.C., during the National Cherry Blossom Festival on April 4-5. Collins and two other amateur wrestlers, along with two retired professional wrestlers, gave three performances in two days. After the performances, the five individuals received a dinner invitation at the Japanese Embassy to dine with the ambassador and his family. On April 7, Collins returned to L.A. to compete in the U.S. Sumo Open. The tournament hosted competitors from Bulgaria, Hungary, Georgia, and Mongolia and was held at the New Otani Hotel. Collins won 9 of 12 matches to take second place in the middleweight division and the open weight division. The highlight of the evening for Collins was receiving his medals and a bow from Musashimaru, the most recent, retired Yokozuna (Grand Champion). The next tournament will be in Las Vegas on September 18 for the North American Championship. Collins has his eyes set on gold as the winner in each category receives an expense-paid trip to compete in Germany for the World Championship in November.

M.S. Challenge Walk

Three years ago, while manning the information center for the Baker to Vegas race, I was complaining about blisters on my feet when the sympathetic volunteer sitting next to me went to take a break assisted by her cane. Cindy Bell has M.S. Did I ever feel foolish about my whining.

On September 10, 2004, I will be joining hundreds of other walkers committed to the challenge of ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis on a 50-mile walk from Carlsbad to San Diego.

I am doing this because I can. You can help my fundraising effort by sending a donation to the National M.S. Society Challenge Walk, P.O. Box 17569, Irvine, CA 92623-7569.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity, **Marilyn Paggi**, I.D. #42271473, server at the Academy cafe.

Tickets Available at the Main LAPRAAC Office

Remember that discounted tickets are available for Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, etc. for the summer.

For a list of available attractions and Dodger and Angel game dates, visit the LAPRAAC office or call (323) 221-5222, ext. 201.

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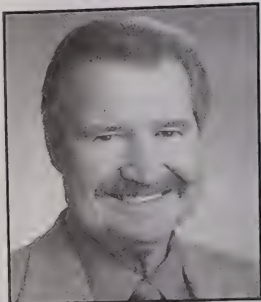
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LAPD MX Team Member Dan Hadfield Beats the Head of the Fire & Police Motocross Association During Rounds 2 & 3 of the Summer Series!

During rounds 1 & 2 of the summer series, Ed Wilson (head of the Fire & Police Motocross Association) beat Dan Hadfield in the 40-49 intermediate classes and took the win. However, Dan got redemption when he beat Ed and took the overall win in round 3. One thing you have to know about big Dan Hadfield, he is as consistent of a motocross rider as they come. Dan rides smooth and fast with very few mistakes. (Check out this picture of Dan leading the way over the finish line tabletop). But I guess since he flies a department helicopter, he has learned how to keep in



Dan Hadfield.

control. Although he keeps trying to get me to go up in a ride along the day before our races. I don't know, it sounds fishy seeing as how we race against each other. I think he might be up to something.

So far, in the FPMN Summer Series 2004, the LAPD MX Team has brought

home 22 medals in only three rounds of racing. Once again, Rob Cosner showed his dominance. Out of his 12 motos, Rob only lost two of them. Currently, Rob is leading the points series in both the 18-29 and 30-39 expert classes. Dan Hadfield is second in points in the 40-49 Intermediate and



Rob Irvin.

yours truly am leading in points in the four stroke intermediate class and sitting third in points in the 30-39 intermediate class. Team members Mark Hubert and Jeff Bruner have been dominating in their classes, but have not been able to make every race to be in the points running. It was good to have team member Jason Smith back in action after he was having trouble with his bike. However, while sitting out one of the rounds, Jason took some great photos of the guys. Although the weather has been extremely hot, the dedication to the team

NAME	CLASS	Round 2	Round 3
John Ashpaugh	40-49Nov	6th	—
Anderson	30-39 Beg	—	1st
Art Avila	18-29 Beg	5th	4th
Rob Cosner	30-39 Expert 4stk Expert	1st 1st	2nd 1st
Louie Estrella	50cc	—	4th
Dan Hadfield	40-49 Inter 4-stk Inter	2nd 2nd	1st 1st
Mark Hubert	4stk Nov 30-39 Nov	8th 8th	— —
Rob Irvin	30-39 Beg	5th	11th
Kevin Korne	30-39 Inter 4-stroke Int	3rd 1st	2nd 2nd
Jason Smith	18-29 Beg	—	6th

has been great. The team welcomes back Louis Estrella who brought out his tricked-out 50cc bike to race against the other kids (I mean adults rights?). The team welcomes new member Art Avala who showed an impressive 4th & 5th place finish in the 18-29-beginner class.

Results from rounds 2 & 3 of the Fire/Police MX Summer Series:

The LAPD MX Team wants to thank the Los Angeles Police Athletic Club for our new team motocross display at the Police Academy.

Upcoming race dates: Fire & Police Motocross Nationals at Glen Helen Raceway, October 4 and 5. Christmas

Grand Prix at Glen Helen Raceway, December 7.

The team especially thanks its sponsors FMF, Acerbis, Maxxis, N-style, DSP, 909, 661, Maxima, IMS, Hinson, Smith, TLD and EVS for their continued support to the LAPD MX team.

We are always seeking new riders to join LAPD's MX team. Whether you are a first time

beginner or an experienced rider, come and join the team. Come and be a part of the team. For info, contact team captain Rob Cosner at CTD (213-972-2445) or Kevin Korne at 213-485-6550 (Juvenile Narcotics).

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by Lenny Muñoz
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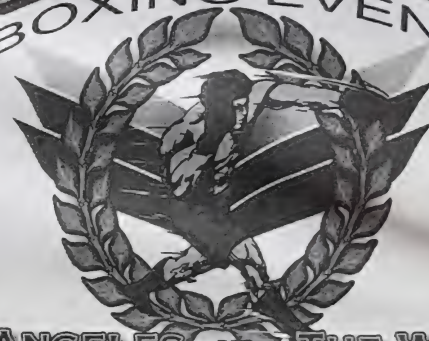
Well, brothers and sisters of law enforcement, the big fun night of fistic explosion and fellowship is rapidly approaching. November 12, 2004 will bring a lot of excitement to downtown Los Angeles. The Grand Olympic Auditorium at 18th and Grand will again host the Fight for Life boxing event to benefit the City of Hope Cancer Hospital and Research Center.

Save the date and make your plans. Get a group together and come on down. Tickets will soon be available at the usual locations: the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the L.A. County Sheriff's Relief and LAPD Public Affairs Division.

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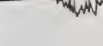
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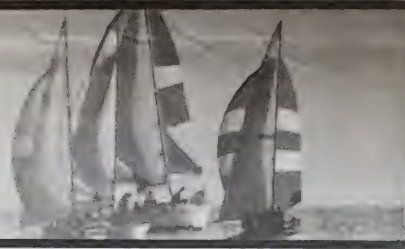
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The Retirement News is a regular feature of The Thin Blue Line. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on September 15, 2004, at The Lamplighter restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the third Wednesday in the bar/lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 24 attending the July 21st luncheon. The following attended: **Dale Ayers** (4876), **Don Barnett** (7433), **Barney Boronich** (3861), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Ernie** (3918) & **Sylvia Dicken**, **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Herbert (Pinky) Meredith** (3664), **George Moore** (10565), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Les Nolte** (10621), **Jake Orbus** (5407), **Duane (Whitey) Ryburn** (3961), **J. R. Schiller** (10992), **Don Schweitzer** (6615), **Gene Smith** (11444), **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), **Harold Sturgeon**

(6781), **Jim Swiston** (4654), **Jim Trax** (6185), and **Hal Yarnell** (3662). There were two new attendees this month: **Gene Smith** and **Harold Sturgeon**.

Our barbecue will be held at Dale Rickard's ranch, 33171 W. Mulholland Hwy., Malibu, CA 90265-9533, on Saturday, October 23, 2004, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. We will serve beef and/or chicken with beer and soft drinks for \$15 each. Reservations and remittance should be sent to Clinton O. Erickson, 23441 Aetna St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367-3128, by October 16, 2004.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighter.

Our meeting information and attendees are on www.laripa.com Web site. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in August. And if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the third Wednesday of each month. ♦

Village Runner 5K

On July 4, LAPD retirees **Chuck Foote** and **Sheila Daniel** participated in the 11th annual Village Runner 5K in celebration of our country's birthday and in support of law enforcement. The race benefited the Redondo Beach

The racers included many of our department's best representatives and supporters, including Capt. **Andrew Smith** from Communications Division, proudly wearing his LAPD singlet. Also participating in the event was Los



Left to right: Andy Smith, Pat Connelly, Sheila Daniel and Chuck Foote.

Firefighters Association and the Redondo Beach Police Department's DARE program. The charming master of ceremonies was our very own retired LAPD Sgt. **Pat Connelly**.

Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, finishing the race in an impressive 2nd place.

The morning event was finished off with a big group breakfast at the local pancake house. ♦

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Inland Blue Line

by Stan Kensic

Well, we are approaching our October meeting, so this is a warning message to all of you who care to attend the upcoming Inland Blue Line luncheon. Mark your calendar! The next luncheon date is October 13 at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$11.50, and we'll meet at the usual place—Anchor Restaurant in Hemet. A tentative speaker will be a representative from the Credit Union who has been asked to cover information on online banking, identity theft, and other current credit union issues of interest.

We had two of our members pass away since the last *Blue Line* article: **Dwight Copely** and **John Ensign**. Although I didn't know Dwight, I learned that he had an interesting career and had some prominent life accomplishments. John Ensign and I were partners early in our careers. I worked with him in AID and IAD. We'll miss both of these outstanding men.

Since our last Blue Line meeting, **Jack Herman**, who was in a terrible, life threatening motorcycle accident, attended the Temecula morning breakfast club. He has made a miraculous recovery and believes all of our prayers were helpful in his recovery. By the way, he has sold the motorcycle and given up riding. The Temecula monthly morning breakfast group continues to grow and is getting noisier each meeting. The meeting is beginning to sound like the old roll

call days of fun and frivolity. At the last meeting, we were joined by a couple of recent retirees who gave us some insight on the new L.A. Police Department. Things have changed so much in the last ten years that it is not the same department many of us old timers remember.

Alex Mestas is our feature of the month. Alex retired from the department after 20 years of service and went on to become an attorney. He found that was a lot of work and discovered he could do really well working at McDonald's, so he bought five of them (not five burgers) and is now known as the Ronald McDonald of Murrieta, Temecula, and Lake Elsinore area. When Alex first moved out to the Murrieta area, the town was small but starting to grow. He became interested in doing some community service and was appointed to the Police Commission where he became instrumental in establishing the Murrieta Police Department. He modeled all the good stuff after the LAPD. Alex now resides in La Cresta with his family on a five-acre ranch. Another life after LAPD story. They just keep coming.

My article has to be brief this time as I am writing this from Ohio where I am attending a family reunion. It was important to get this into the *Blue Line* to remind everyone of the October meeting, so I am signing off. If you have any questions or need further info for the Inland Blue Line Octoberfest, contact me via e-mail at usc76@earthlink.net or phone me at (951) 696-1971. ❖

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Rennis

2004 LAPD Wine Country Picnic and BBQ

The fall of the year is back! It's time for all the grape growers up here in Northern California to harvest all those wonderful grapes and start making wine! That includes **Ron & Marilyn Kiser's** chardonnay grapes. And so we have our annual LAPD Wine Country Picnic and BBQ!

Now I know I've got to give equal time to all of you *other* wine growing regions in California, but you can take part by bringing your wine to Kiser's in Sonoma for a taste-off. Ron claims that Sonoma has the best. It's him you have to convince otherwise, not me!

If you haven't made plans to attend this year's picnic, it's time you got on the phone and called Ron and Marilyn. If you haven't been before, do it now. It may be your last chance to attend one of these great get-togethers.

It's Saturday, September 25, 2004, at Kiser's Ranch and Vineyard, 755 W. Watmaugh Rd., Sonoma. The phone is (707) 938-4937, and the e-mail address is kiservineyard@vom.com. They need to know if you want Harris Ranch New York steak or range chicken and how many people you're bringing. The cost is \$25 per person. And believe me, it's worth every penny!

The Kisers bring together for one day the greatest array of retired LAPD guys and gals that you'll ever want to meet. There's even some active guys and gals, so you can ask all those questions none of us have the answer for at regular meetings.

All the wine and beer you can drink! Not wine in boxes or jugs—real size wine bottles! What's real size? Come and see! The size that wine was really intended for bottling. Come and see! Beer is fresh and "on tap."

Door prizes like you've never seen before. The raffle is the best one you'll ever see. And yes, you have to buy tickets to be part of it. But there are so many chances to win, you'll never know 'til you're part of it. Lots of fun!

But the people you'll meet—that's the best part. Never know who's gonna show up. You don't want to miss this barbecue. Head for Sonoma on Saturday, September 25. We'll see you there.

At our regular SABLA luncheon in July, we had a good time conversing in a round table discussion. Our guest speaker was to be a recently returned GI from Iraq. Frank Chisholm is a Reservist who was activated and is now back home here in Sacramento. However, he couldn't show. Would you believe it? He was called for jury duty and had to serve. So Frank will be with us later.

Gene DeCrona always likes these luncheons where we don't have a speaker. He says that it gives us a chance to hear a little from everybody. And we did!

First was **Ben Rendahl**, #10983, who recently bought a home in Del Webb's Lincoln Hills. Ben retired in April, '82, and then went to work with the U.S. Secret Service until April '87, from there to the Department of Defense for nine years until '96. Since then he's been doing contractor "stuff," picking up a few bucks on the side! He's now a full-fledged member of SABLA. He paid his dues. Have you?

Send \$15 to **Hoy Key**. E-mail at hoy@psyber.com. We need your money! Hoy is still publishing excerpts from the manuscript that Cmdr. John Powers left for him. If you're not paid up, you're missing some classic reporting! John recounts some interesting pieces of police work.

Then we see **Ken Gillespie**, #4983, who retired from North Hollywood Detectives in 1968! That's 36 years ago. And he still looks good!

As some of you know, Ken carved out a second career working for Exxon/Mobil. Now Ken lives in Del Webb's Lincoln Hills, and he finds out in this luncheon that he lives in the same place as Ben Rendahl! Ben, meet Ken. Ken, meet Ben. As Mel Allen, the Yankee broadcaster, used to say: How about that?

Also at that luncheon we had Jim

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The LAPD Loses a Critical Component of its Firearms Training Program

by Lou Salseda

On June 9, 2004, Officer **Larry Mudgett** celebrated his retirement at the LAPD Academy where it all started for him in September of 1969, following his service with the 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam. After 34-1/2 years with LAPD, 14 years in SWAT, 13 years as Chief Firearms Instructor in the Firearms Training Unit, two Medals of Valor, a Meritorious Service Citation, a Meritorious Unit Citation, and countless commendations for outstanding police work, Officer Mudgett became Mr. Mudgett. His exploits while a member of L.A.'s finest are legendary. Larry stated many times he believed his mission in life was to make officers safe through superior weapons training.

Larry's retirement celebration was attended by command staff, Deputy Chief **Gary Brennan**, Training Division's new commanding officer, Captain **Terry Hara**, commanding officer of Police Recruitment, Captain **Rick Webb**, Mr. SWAT, **Ron McCarthy**, Mr. Pete Demantrio (KFWB News), his family, his fiancée, Officer **Stacy Ewing** and friends, former partners and associates from his lengthy career with LAPD.

Scotty Reitz, Metropolitan Division, did an outstanding job of emceeing the event. **Rod Fletcher**, Riverside Police Department, formerly LAPD, presented Larry with a special plaque from the members of the Shotgun and Urban Police Rifle cadre for Larry's outstanding personal training effort to ensure they had the finest training anywhere.

Larry was honored in moving tributes delivered by long-time training partners and friends **Mike Odle** and **Ernie Halleck**. While assigned to Metropolitan Division, Larry was the recipient of Metro's coveted Walter Kestern Award and the prestigious Joseph Sunlighter "Metro Officer of the Year" Award.

I had the opportunity to share the following thoughts with Larry, his family, and other guests:

My comments follow statements by several staff officers, honorable men I respect, who implied or should have that Larry is: persistent, knowledgeable, respectful, passionate, a perfectionist—all of Larry's most endearing qualities.

I concur with these observations. In many ways they are descriptive of the prolonged relationship I have shared with Larry. Larry and I have shared not just a workplace acquaintance or a love for shooting or a special interest in training others, but we have shared the passion of making the firearms training program the best that it can be. I guess you could say we have shared blood, sweat and tears. It is my honor to stand before this distinguished group, which includes some important people, to deliver some well-deserved accolades for a very deserving man. I think we all would agree that the important people here tonight are those who have had the privilege of working side-by-side with him. As one of these privileged people, I know my comments will be self-explanatory.

In 1990, I was looking for a few good men and women to help me develop a vision I had to improve the firearms training program here at the Academy. Some of those men and women are here tonight. I needed a cornerstone on which to rebuild the foundation of our instructional staff. Without too much necessary research, it was obvious Larry was that person. It required a number of conver-

sations, over a considerable period of time, to convince Larry there was a greater need than his current assignment at Metro. Eventually, after promising Larry a significant portion of the free world, he agreed to work with me.

By virtue of his extensive experience, knowledge and reputation, Larry became the chief firearms instructor for the Firearms Training Unit.

Larry and I knew it would be no easy task and many times we found ourselves back-to-back, fighting off hordes of mediocrity lovers. Larry was on a mission, and his unique drive to enhance officer safety drove him to countless hours of revising recruit and in-service lesson plans. He developed and implemented an instructor certification program as well. We believed the instructors', and that includes the adjunct instructors', training was the key to having an immediate and lasting impact on officers of this department.

Larry gave 100 percent of his effort 24/7. My home telephone bill soon doubled as Larry and I engaged in long, meaningful conversations resolving one challenge after another. Whether it was how to start a station defense program after the '92 riots (without funding) or implementing a model Urban Police Rifle program after the North Hollywood incident in February or '97, Larry was there for me and the department. His expertise and drive to do the right thing for the right reason was second to none.

It is a challenge to work with Larry. This is not because of any lack of interpersonal skills. It is because of the perceptions coworkers have of Larry's expectations. By example, Larry unknowingly makes it clear that he expects the best from them. This has repeatedly manifested itself not only in an increase in work output, but the quality of the training performed.

Larry has led every training evolution he was assigned to. He is a natural leader. It is entirely appropriate that we celebrate his retirement, for compared to most, he has done twice the work often for substantially less pay (an issue he discussed with me many times).

Larry is a leader in his work ethic and the extremely high performance standards he sets for himself. He is tireless in his pursuit of excellence. Many a younger officer saw a new meaning of dedication and perseverance in order to achieve a goal. Sometimes fulfilling his expectations was too difficult and officers, unable to meet the challenge, would take an easier path. Personal disparity never deterred Larry from the path of true professionalism.

With Larry's reputation and knowledge of firearms training, it is little wonder that the department has repeatedly reached out to him as an authoritative resource during times of crisis or in reaction to major operational problems or failures. He has an uncanny ability to quickly grasp the larger implications of complex situations, to identify the inter-relatedness of issues, and to correctly read the organizational mentality of the department in formulating solutions.

However, little accolades were given Larry for significant training accomplishments. The content of our training manuals that Larry wrote were plagiarized by many outside agencies and one individual even put his name on a manual and had it published. Under Larry's watch, recruit classes excelled in

firearms training and graduated with 100 percent shooting medals, many of those were expert—a feat never accomplished before or since.

Larry lives the loyalty, integrity, and commitment which once were the hallmark of LAPD. He lives the standards of a bygone era when mission statements and management principles were not needed, when every department employee knew why they were here and eagerly looked forward to coming to work, when it was not illegal to be 110-percent and when a day at work was not an opportunity to seek additional grounds to litigate. He truly reflects the highest traditions of the department.

Over the last few months, there has been much pondering of "how to" or "who will" replace Larry. The answer is patently clear. You do not. He is irreplaceable. The department and those who know him best can merely

acknowledge that they are better for having known him and hope that somewhere in the organization there is an employee, sworn or civilian, who possesses half the qualities Larry has demonstrated and is willing to share them as unselfishly.

Larry has been my associate and friend for a number of years. He has counseled, cajoled and saved me from myself on many occasions. I know I would not have been able to develop and expand the firearms training of LAPD as dramatically as I did without Larry's support, dedication and knowledge. In the remaining years of my career, it is difficult to ponder a day without Larry. I will miss the spontaneous conversations we shared, his support, his humor, and his dedication.

The department's loss is the private sector's gain. Look for the name Larry Mudgett.



by Dave Aikins

Greetings from all of us on the Central Coast. Actually Judy and I are in Valdez Alaska as I write this. Just drove down from the Yukon where Sgt Preston of the Royal Mounties used to roam the area with his great dog "King". WE should be up here for about a month or so. Hey,

retirement is great.

Anyway this is a short article this time. The Fuzz gang will meet on Thursday Sept 16th at Rosa's Ristorante in Pismo Beach. This is our annual auction. Everyone is welcome, so if you can make it just bring a nice gift, one that you would like to get yourself. Bring plenty of cash to spend as this event funds all of our activities for the entire year. Remember to wrap your gift.

Lunch is at noon with social hour at 11:00 am. Great food and wonderful LAPD fellowship is always the case at Rosa's. Even the waitress' get into the act and participate. Cool.

See you there at Rosa's. Contact **Paul & Stella Mattson** at 805 353-4708 for further information.

Catch us at Pismoguyngal@charter.net
— KMA

More Retirement News on next page

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER		Event Time/ Social	Meal
September 9	Rudy Flores Retirement	1600	1800
September 9	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	1200
September 11	LAPD Northwest Reunion	1300	
September 13	LAPPL 22nd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Porter Valley CC	0830	
September 15	Pacific Area Boosters Golf Tournament	0800	
September 15	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
September 16	Central Coast Fuzz	1100	1200
September 17	Michael Thrasher Retirement	1230 Golf	1830
September 20	Father Mike's Desert Refuge Golf Tournament	1030	
September 23	Dan Sullivan Retirement	1730	
September 24	Paula Dustman Retirement Dinner	1700	1800
September 25	LAPD Wine Country BBQ	1000	
September 25	LAPPL Raging Waters Picnic	1000	
OCTOBER			
October 1	Paul Glasgow Retirement	1800	1900
October 1	Bruce Cowan Retirement	1900	
October 13	Inland Blue Line	1030	1200
October 17	Northwest Blue Knights Reunion		
October 20	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
October 23	Valley Retired Blues BBQ	1200	

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

Here it is September already and time to get warmed up for the Sunday runs at Griffith Park. Our first run is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2004, at 8:00 a.m. behind the Park Ranger's headquarters building. The team captains and support personnel will be there to welcome all.

The monthly Sunday fun runs are just that. Come on out and join the team. We always have a good time. After the runners complete their run, we retire to the

pitch and putt course on Los Feliz Blvd. for a Sunday "brunch."

Our co-captains, **Mel Sandvig** and **Chuck McTaggart** are there to welcome all runners. They also want to remind those "active duty" personnel that are participating in the DROP program that they are eligible to run for the Old Blue Team.

Come on out to the run and have a good time. Listen to the stories about "the good old days" and find out how much they haven't changed. Mark that date down on your calendar, October 3, 2004. ❖

Blue Knights Reunion October 17, 2004

There will be a fall reunion for the Northwest Blue Knights and all retired or active LAPD are invited. The date is October 17, 2004, and the location is the Best Western Tulalip Inn, 3228 Marine Dr., N.E., Marysville, WA 9827; phone: (360) 659-4488 or (360) 658-0809. The rooms are very reasonable for anyone wanting to stay overnight. To get there, use exit 199 off of Interstate 5 and go west two blocks. This restaurant is well known for its Sunday brunch and we will have a banquet room large enough for 80 persons. Please contact Ernie Neumann, (253) 858-6016; e-mail: whirleyemie@aol.com or Tim Bowen, (360) 459-2524; e-mail: heipo@Comcast.net. ❖

SABLA

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Byrd, **Chuck Blogin** from Roseville, and **Roy Kerton** and his wife **LaDonna** from Rio Vista. Where were you? Vacationing? Come tell us about it!

Dick King is now a regular since moving to Lodi from Palm Desert. He says he doesn't notice any difference in the temperature from both places. I don't have the heart to tell him. He's a "prince" of a guy.

And two of our retired Motor Officers **Chuck Crawford** and the illustrious **Chuck Ward** were sitting together, probably telling "old war stories" about how it was "on the street." How they would know is beyond me. I do have a good time razzin' these two!

And two Max's were there, but make sure you spell it right: **McDonald** and **McMonagle**! **Dennis** and **Bill**, respectively. I haven't seen Bill for a while. He's been busy and looks good. **Dennis** is always in good shape. Raising chickens keeps you thin and trim.

Our Prez'dent **Joe Sandoval** is going to continue the legacy that **Carl Kuehn** left: that of having guest speakers at our luncheons. Records indicate that our attendance stays up when a series of speakers come by. Prez Sandoval is asking all of you out there in SABLAland what subject matter would you like to hear. He's going to be calling on some of our LAPD brothers and sisters for some new input regarding benefits, etc. Many of us believe that this is a good time for these updates to occur. Go get 'em, Joe!

Ed Lewandowski was there for lunch, taking a break from his part-time job at the California Lottery. I don't remember seeing you. Did I miss you?

That word is out that **Bob Rogers** is going to marry **Nancy Reed** in October. **Bob**, of ol' **Hollenbeck** Detectives. And now, still with the Lottery, but **Bob** works full time. Needs to, I'm told. By the way, **Bob**, you and the bunch of other LAPDers have not paid your '04-'05 SABLA dues yet. Can you and the rest come by and pay your dues? Or if you're busy, just send us the \$15. Hoy Key will give you a receipt at the next luncheon!

After all, we are one of the longest-running retired **Blue Line** associations going! We need you to keep it going!

In all the excitement last month with the change of command and the news that **Carl & Ellie Kuehn** were moving to Arizona, I completely forgot to tell you some more good news about the Kuehns. **Carl** was the rugby coach at **Jesuit High School** in **Carmichael**, a suburb of **Sacramento**. This past season was his second year. The school is a Catholic 4-year high school, and all male! The school has a long history of playing rugby, but this last year was their best! **National Champs**! Thanks to **Carl** and his staff!

So we're not the only ones that will be missing **Carl** and **Ellie** this next year, and beyond. But Arizona is gonna be happy!


We're gonna be happy, too, if we see you this month at our SABLA luncheon, Thursday, September 9, 2004. And bring money for lunch and your annual dues, too! Order what you want off the menu. **Friends Restaurant**, Hwy 50 & **Zinfandel**, north side, 1130 hours.

Your one chance of the month, every month, to mix with the absolute best retired police officers in the whole wide world. Come and see for yourself!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you! ❖

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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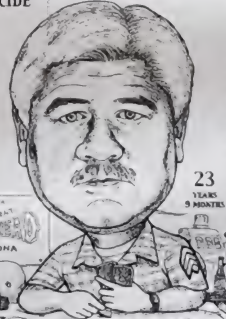


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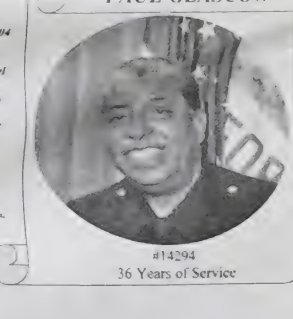
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Paula Dustman Retires

LAPD is about to lose another fabulous employee to retirement. Det. III Paula (Feinmark) Dustman is retiring on September 24, 2004 after 21 years of dedicated service to the people of Los Angeles. Paula started with the department on March 21, 1983 and worked her way up the ranks through Devonshire Area Patrol, Wilshire Area Patrol, Employee Opportunity Development Division, the DARE Unit, Southeast Detectives, and finishing off a stellar career with Legal Affairs Section, Risk Management Group.

Along with all her other accolades and accomplishments, Paula has been a member of the Los Angeles Women Police Officer's Association (LAWPOA) and has held all positions on the board including president from 2002 to 2004. Other associations who will miss her friendly face and talents are the state Women Peace Officer's Association of California and the Big Sisters Program of Los Angeles.

Everyone at Risk Management Group is very sad to see her leave us. There will be an empty spot in our hearts, but we do wish both Bruce and Paula the best on their new retired life. Please join us at the Los Angeles Police Academy on Friday, September 24, 2004, at 1800

hours (6:00 p.m.) in celebrating her retirement. She will be joining her husband, **Bruce Dustman**, in the small, quiet town of Ste. Genevieve, MO. What a change from the frenetic activities of Risk Management Group and downtown Los Angeles! The Red Hat Society chapter, known as the Happy Hatters of Ste. Genevieve, in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, has welcomed her into their midst. Their gain, our loss!

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17th Annual

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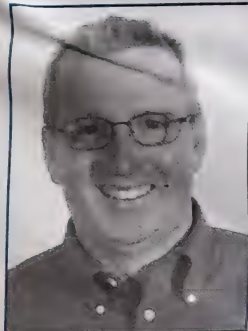
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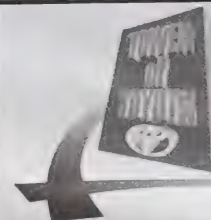


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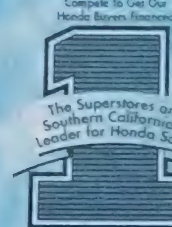
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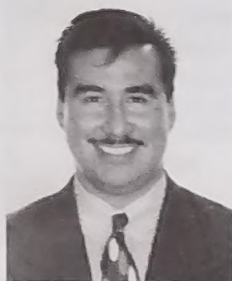
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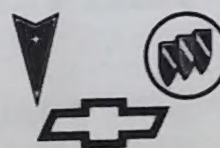
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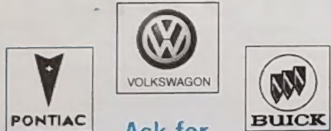
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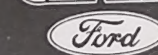
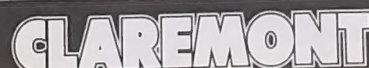
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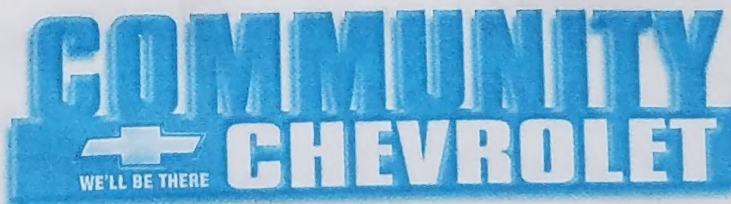
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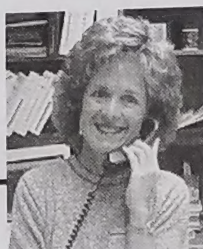
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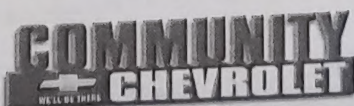
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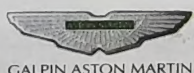


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